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'Chickasaws have been entrepreneurs for centuries'

Governor: Tribe promoting Chickasaw businesses



Governor Anoatubby addresses the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma May 10. The Governor told the assembly the Chickasaw Nation was actively promoting Chickasaw business and individual Chickasaw entrepreneurship.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Success for Chickasaw Nation businesses has put the tribe in a financial position to further promote the success of individual Chickasaws in business, Gov. Bill Anoatubby told a state group of Indian business people.

Gov. Anoatubby delivered the May 10 address to members of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

An effort is already under way to compile a directory of Chickasaw businesses, Gov. Anoatubby told the assembly. That directory will serve as a resource as the Chickasaw Nation strives to promote contract preference for Chickasaw owned businesses.

"We're giving high priority to

working with Chickasaw businesses," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our goal is not simply self-sufficiency for tribal government, but self-sufficiency for every Chickasaw."

Other initiatives in the planning stages include a small business development center to help Chickasaws start new businesses, and to help established businesses grow.

"We're pleased about providing this opportunity, because 15 or 20 years ago we wouldn't have had the resources to do this," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Education has long been a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation, he said, and the business development center will be an extension of that effort.

"We work hard to encourage

our students from Head Start through all stages of higher education," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Education is the cornerstone for the future of individual Chickasaws and our tribe."

An entrepreneurship camp to help Chickasaw students foster an interest in becoming entrepreneurs has been conducted each summer for several years.

This camp teaches students how to develop a business plan and many other aspects of running a successful business.

"Chickasaws have been entrepreneurs for centuries," he said. "We are continuing to promote that entrepreneurial nature."

"Businesses are a means to an end. Everything we do is focused on our mission of enhancing the lives of Chickasaws."

Tribal business plan drives essential Chickasaw programs, self-sufficiency

In 1986, the tribal government of the Chickasaw Nation had some tough decisions to make.

Twenty years ago, the tribal government received its funding from earnings generated by the tribe's trust assets. Those trust assets included interests in timber, oil and gas which had been held by the U.S. for the tribe for generations.

In FY 1988, the tribe expected about \$125,000 income from the trust assets. The challenge was developing new income that could meet tribal government expenses.

"We had virtually no business revenue at all, only our trust

revenue," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

Gov. Anoatubby, in 1986, was serving as lieutenant governor. He would be elected to his first term as governor in 1987.

"We made the decision at that time that we would not dip into the principal of our trust assets," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We also knew we were going to have to develop new sources of revenue if we were to fund our tribal government. We determined we would utilize commercial business to create new revenue and supplement our trust asset income."

That first year was difficult.

The shortfall between the trust asset income and the tribal government budget would have to be addressed.

"That difference looked very, very big at that time," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The tribal administration came up with a plan. The tribe would enter into an agreement with a management company to operate a tribal bingo hall at Goldsby. The plan worked. The fee the company paid the tribe made up most of the shortfall. The remaining need would be filled by earnings from other tribal businesses.

"That is the only operating agreement into which we have ever entered," Gov. Anoatubby said. "And it certainly served its purpose at that time."

The tribe made it through FY 1988. Now, Gov. Anoatubby was determined to develop businesses that would support the work of the tribal government.

"We embarked on a path of

Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25

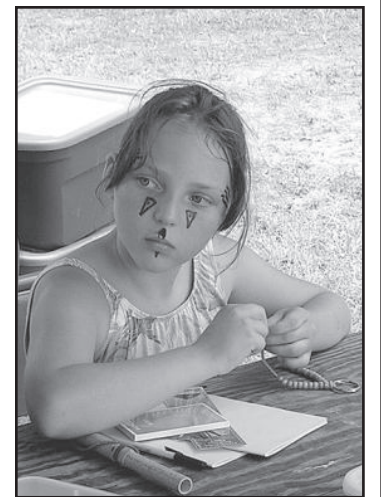
KULLIHOMA - Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests from across the country are expected to celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition at the Seventh Annual Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25 at Kulihoma Stomp Ground.

Chickasaw stickball players have been practicing for the stickball game 7 p.m. Saturday, which will be one of the featured events at this year's reunion.

Other Chickasaw games will also be featured, including Chunkey, the Chickasaw marble game, and others.

A traditional meal, including pashofa, fry bread, salt meat, grape dumplings and more will be served at noon Saturday. An evening meal will be served 6 p.m. Friday, and breakfast will be available Sunday morning.

There will also be a variety of demonstrations of Chickasaw culture, including storytelling, bow making, ballstick making, beadwork, language, flute making, finger weaving,



Face painting and bead work are popular activities at the Chikashsha Reunion.

basket weaving, beadwork and various other crafts.

"Chikashsha reunion is a wonderful time of fellowship, which helps remind Chickasaw people of the culture and heritage that bind us together," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It is a great opportunity for Chickasaws of all ages to learn more

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****April 21, 2006****AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Pro Tempore Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., in the absence of Chairperson Scott Colbert.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Members absent: Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Melvin Stoner, Heath Allison, Ron Jacome, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Don Tims, Marlene Tims, Greg Tims, Jessie Kemp, Geraldine Greenwood, Ron Frazier

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Appointment of Secretary

Chairperson Pro Tempore Briggs appointed Dr. Goforth Parker to serve as Secretary for the session. All members were in favor of the appointment.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 17, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the March 17, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Errors were noted on page one and six of the minutes. The motion was amended to approve the March 17, 2006 minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2006 were approved as corrected.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-056, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County (Tribal Tract No. 5)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of GHK/Potato Hills Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$188.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$940.00. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$235.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations described as an undivided mineral interest. The property is located in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-056. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-056 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-057, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, containing 160 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-057. The motion

was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-057 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-058, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 13.50 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-058. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-058 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-059, Authorization of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 13.50 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-059. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-059 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR23-060, Authorization to Place Real Property in Pontotoc County on National Register of Historic Places

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to place the real property, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, on the National Register of Historic Places located at 201 North Broadway.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-060. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-061, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Chickasaws come together for Chikashsha Reunion

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

All Chickasaws are cordially invited to Kullihoma June 22-25 for the annual Chikashsha Reunion. Together, we will celebrate our culture and heritage with plenty of traditional activities, and lots of time to catch up with old friends.

Kullihoma is located approximately seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1. If you have not been to Kullihoma before, it's time you experienced this special place! Follow the signs off Highway 1, and you can't miss it.

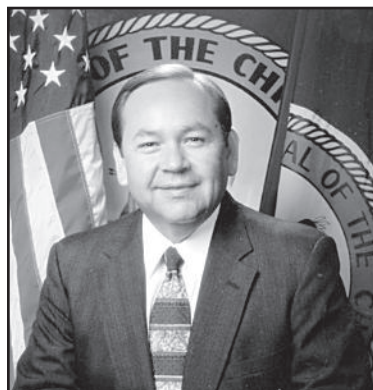
This year's reunion will feature stickball matches, traditional Chickasaw foods, and

many demonstrations of traditional Chickasaw artisanship and craftmaking.

You can see how to make a traditional bow, a ballstick or flute. You may have an interest in beadwork or weaving, or you may want to learn more about the Chickasaw language.

Whatever your interest, you will have a full menu of interesting demonstrations from which to choose. Each will help you connect with your Chickasaw roots.

I believe the very best part of the reunion is the fellowship among Chickasaws. In our modern culture we often cannot find the time to renew our acquaintances and simply catch up on events with friends and family. The reunion is that time of the



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

year to step back, take your time and once again enjoy the peace and history of Kullihoma. Each of us can remember a simpler time and set aside the hustle and bustle of 21st Century life.

Please remember to bring your children and grandchildren! This event is always a great

time for the kids. They get lots of time for play, and for learning about their heritage. The reunion is a time when we can build an appreciation for our Chickasaw culture among those who will soon be young Chickasaw men and women. It is important they see, hear and feel the history that comes from this gathering.

If you are from outside the Chickasaw Nation, please come

visit! There is no better time than the reunion. There are several overnight camping spaces at Kullihoma, both for tent camping and for RV hookups, and there are plenty of motels in Ada and the surrounding area.

Please come and see everyone this year at the Chikashsha Reunion. We'll be looking for you!

Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25 Kullihoma

Demonstrations include: storytelling, bow making, ballstick making, beadwork, language, flute making, finger weaving, basket weaving, and various other crafts.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south. For information call (580) 332-8685.

Four to be inducted into Chickasaw Hall of Fame

ADA, Okla. - Four outstanding Chickasaws will be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 11 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex and convention center in Ada.

Inductees include a concert vocalist, a state legislator, an author, and the current director of American Legion Oklahoma Boy's State.

Mary Stone McClendon, better known as Ataloa, who died in 1967, and Charles David Carter, who died in 1929, will be inducted posthumously. Family members will accept the awards.

James E. Amerson and Catherine Pickens Wilmond are scheduled to be present when they are inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Ataloa (Mary Stone McClendon)

Ataloa, a cousin of Te Ata Fisher, was a nationally renowned concert vocalist, educator, and advocate for Native American education and fine arts.

Her education included studies at Columbia University, the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller, Oklahoma College for Women, University of Redlands and other institutions.

In 1932, she performed for Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House.

As a performer, Ataloa received accolades for her poise,

culture, personality and rich contralto voice. Those who witnessed performances said she had the ability to understand the Indian heart through her program of Indian songs, legends and ceremonials.

She abandoned her career as a performer, however, to take apportion as a teacher at Bacone College.

Following her career at Bacone, Ataloa taught at the prestigious Idyllwild School of Music and Arts from 1950 to 1963.

Charles David Carter

Mr. Carter was one of the first men elected to represent Oklahoma in the U.S. Congress. He represented southern Oklahoma in that body from 1906 to 1927.

After his service in Congress, he served from 1927 to 1929 as a member of the State Highway Commission.

Born near Boggy Depot in 1868, Mr. Carter became auditor of public accounts for the Chickasaw Nation in 1892.

He served as a member of the Chickasaw Council in 1895 and as Superintendent of Chickasaw Nation schools in 1897. Later in 1897, President William McKinley appointed Mr. Carter mining trustee of Indian Territory, a position he held for four years.

James E. Amerson

Mr. Amerson serves as director of Oklahoma Boy's State, a program designed to teach citi-

zenship. He served as assistant director of that organization for seven years prior to his appointment as director.

A self-employed engineer, he has also had an outstanding career as a coach and in service to the American Legion.

In 1998 he was the first Native American elected Commander of the State American Legion. He presently serves as the American Legion national representative for Oklahoma on foreign affairs.

Mr. Amerson served as a combat tank commander in the famed 45th Infantry Division, 179th Heavy Tank Company during the Korean War.

Catherine Pickens Wilmond

Mrs. Wilmond is co-author of *Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1994.

This analytical dictionary is one of the resources used in language classes taught by the Chickasaw Nation.

Mrs. Wilmond worked with linguistics professor Pamela Munro to record the language from more than 40 Chickasaw speakers to complete the dictionary.

Mrs. Wilmond has also helped teach linguistics classes at the University of California, Los Angeles. She also makes guest appearances in Native American

studies classes at UCLA. She has also addressed audiences at Pomona College and the University of New Mexico.

Recently, Mrs. Wilmond and Munro completed a teaching

grammar of the Chickasaw language which has been accepted for publication by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Reservations Accepted

Reservations are being accepted for the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame induction ceremony 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 11 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, Ada.

Representative Tom Cole, Oklahoma Fourth District, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of fame as is his late mother Helen Cole and his aunt, Te Ata Fisher.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

Reservations are required for

the event, which is expected to accommodate approximately 500 guests.

Live music and a banquet-style meal are planned.

Dress for the event is coat and tie.

To make reservations, contact:

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Fax: (580) 436-7297
Email: leta.burwell@chickasaw.net

Tribal rep in Chickasha June 19

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on June 19 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, community health representatives, or other programs,

visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Summer is time for Summer Youth work program



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Congratulations to all you Chickasaw graduates, whether high school, college or lower grades! All you college and high school grads are to be commended for your hard work in reaching your goals.

Summer is here for those seeking employment. To you Summer Youth workers this year: learn all you can because your attendance and hard work will give you job experience that will help you gain other employment in the future. And

the money you earn can be used to further your education or assist you with future living expenses. Pay yourself first by putting some of each paycheck in savings. If you learn how to save now, you will develop a habit that will stick with you throughout life.

Kudos to all you Chickasaw students of the month. Keep up the good work next year. I love seeing your pictures and names in *the Chickasaw Times*!

It is not too early for students to apply for their clothing grants for next school year, so fill out those applications now. Remember that every Chickasaw

student from Head Start through high school can receive \$200 per school year for a clothing allowance. It is a very nice benefit that I hope you do not miss.

Administrator Bill Lance reported the following statistics: In the month of April, 2006, there were 186 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 12,833. April Emergency Room visits were 887. April saw 241 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,213 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,017 patients in April. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,932

patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,980. The Durant Clinic saw 2,440 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,460 in April.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Work well under way on 2007 fiscal year budgets



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

is that all the funds called for in the budget will already be on deposit.

We should be (and we are!) very thankful for prudent management of tribal assets. The budget will be based on the assets attained during the 2007 year, and so on, and it is a very good facet of excellent fiscal management that all funds are "in the bank" before we begin!

We always have budget hearings for our citizens and will do so again this year. The plan this year is to have one large, well-planned budget hearing much like the ones presented to the Legislature.

There will be a power point presentation and heads of some of the departments that are of special interest to all of us will be in attendance to help on the

presentation for the budgets of their departments. There will be representatives, I believe, from Health Care and from Education as well as others. We will attempt to give everyone adequate notice of the location, date, time, etc. on the public hearing as plans are finalized.

We have many high achieving young people graduating from high schools and colleges

all over the United States. How very proud we are of all of them. And how thankful we are that as a Tribe are in a position to offer so much assistance to all of them to realize their dreams.

Congratulations to all of you graduates out there!

All of you take care and be safe and healthy!

Linda Briggs

Attention all kids! Come and join in the Chickasaw Summer Arts Program



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

creative talents. Some children may choose to stay with grandparents during the Summer Arts program and be right in Ada for the classes.

Our own talented Jarrod Tate started this program and will be an instructor this summer. The program begins in June at East Central University. For more information, please call the tribal Arts & Humanities Department at (580) 332-1092.

We have two new categories through the Governor's program to recognize achievement in our young students. Students are now recognized for perfect attendance, and there is also now a special achievement award. This latter award recognizes students who excel in academics, athletics, music or other disciplines. There is also a special achievement award for special students who attain goals.

Chickasaws who have access to the internet now can earn GED and vo-tech credits online. This is a great way to get your degree or learn new skills from your own home or community. For more information, call the Education Department at (580) 421-7711.

Lastly, I am pleased to report the U.S. House recently cast a unanimous vote prohibiting any taxpayer funds from being used to sell or slaughter American

wild horses. This has been an ongoing fight for many years. We cherish the free spirit of the wild horses, but their number has been reduced by more than one-half over the past 30 years through abuse, sale and slaughter. Some of these practices were done with tax dollars, but no more.

Best wishes to all Chickasaws for a wonderful summer. Please contact me at (580) 788-4730 or scottides@telepath.com

Hello, Everyone!

I hope this finds all of you in an energetic, healthy mode and ready for what the summer brings!

Here in the Legislature we are all busy - I am chair of the Finance Committee and we are in the process of working with the financial officers of the Administration on the budget for the 2007 fiscal year. The financial officers have of course been working for a considerable period of time with the various department heads on the budgets of each department.

When the budget is in the form (and amount) to be presented to the Legislature, a presentation with "power point" charts will be made. That is traditionally a very interesting, informative meeting and another barometer of the progress achieved by our Tribe. A very interesting factor

If any of you Chickasaw children would like to be a part of our Chickasaw Summer Arts program, please come and join in!

The Summer Arts program is a wonderful summer activity for children. The instructors are great and the kids can enjoy their

NOTICE
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
2007 Tribal Budget
Thursday, June 29, 2006, 6:00 P.M.
Agri-Plex
1700 North Broadway
Ada, OK

Year-end review reflects strong businesses, programs for Chickasaws



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

A review of 2005-2006 reflects substantial revenue increases and new and more spending for services both inside and outside the Nation boundaries, and a commitment to a quality working relationship with the Chickasaw people.

Enterprise businesses belonging to the Chickasaws reflect an ever stronger economy for 2005-2006. Approximately 67 million dollars will likely be proposed for governmental services including education, hospital funding, youth and family services, cultural services,

senior and nutrition services, capitol improvements and other services. New and better capital improvements provide facilities for services, employees, and for continued growth of service.

Currently there are 16 gaming businesses, 9 hotels and restaurants, 7 retail stores, 7 retail tobacco shops, and 9 emerging businesses. These businesses provide a large part of the revenue needed to provide much of the services from the Chickasaw Government. The Legislative Branch reviews and approves budgets for the programs and the Executive Branch is responsible for implementing the services and programs and preparing the various budgets. Both the Legislative and Executive Branch work as two independent bodies to provide for a checks and balances in providing services and programs for the Chickasaw people.

In 1995, the interests and benefits of the Chickasaws were served by a cooperative Legislative and Executive Branch in

providing among other services, the following:

A commitment to preserving history and culture through new language revitalization programs, supporting a new organization of fluent speakers, consideration of a requirement that all employees attend Chickasaw language classes; approving capital expenditures for improvements to the Tishomingo Capital Museum and Council House Museum; approving capital expenditures for Phase II of the Culture Center and for construction of the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur to accommodate the Culture Center; and approving resolution to acquire the Burney Institute in Lebanon, Oklahoma.

A commitment to provide more and better educational opportunities and assistance to students including a resolution authorizing a \$200 annual clothing grant to every Chickasaw student ages 3 to 18, regardless of where they reside; college textbook grants; and authoriza-

tion of capital improvements to provide for administration offices for the Education Department.

A commitment to funding a new state-of-the-art \$135 million hospital to accommodate an ever growing technology and service population.

A commitment to elders and all citizens in pursuit of site acquisitions and funding for new community centers in Enos and Duncan; approval of construction of the Ardmore nutrition site; approval of funding of Phase II of the Ada Community Building; and approval for funding of expansion needs to the Tishomingo Senior Site.

By a commitment to those Chickasaws living beyond the borders of the Nation, by approving and participating in a listening conference where Chickasaws from Washington to California to Florida to Maine came together to be heard as a

collective voice about the needs of those Chickasaws outside the Nation boundary.

These are but some of the jobs and duties of the Legislature in 2005. With a continued support of the Chickasaw people everywhere, the Legislature will continue to work with the Executive Branch in pursuit of bigger and better things for everyone. I will continue my commitment to work with all the Legislature members, the Governor, Lt. Governor, the Courts and all employees and members of the Chickasaw Nation.

I will continue to visit Tishomingo on the first Wednesday of the month and all the communities and people within the Tishomingo District.

You may always call me at (580) 421-3425; my email address is colbertscott@hotmail.com; my address is P.O. Box 773, Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086.

Students complete Chickasaw language class



Sitting, from left, Robyn McCann, Skye Raynen, Shaynee Raynen, Ronnie McCann. Standing from left, Barbara Hill, Scott Colbert, Preston Edgar, Glen Leming, Nolena Lewis, Beverly Raynen, Irene Digby and Rhonda McCann.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Speakers Nolena Lewis and Facilitator/Tishomingo Legislator Scott Colbert recently completed Spring 2006 Chickasaw Language Class for Sulphur/Davis students in the Tishomingo District.

During the spring semester of 2006, Chickasaw Nation language students from the Sulphur/

Davis area of the Tishomingo District came together in a class taught by Speaker Nolena Lewis of Sulphur and facilitated by Legislator Scott Colbert of the Tishomingo District.

In attendance during the semester were elders and young alike. Some of the students and

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Lobbying Congress to extend crucial Indian diabetes prevention, treatment funds



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you know, diabetes is an epidemic problem, particularly in Indian country. We Chickasaws suffer from diabetes in greater numbers than the general population, much like other Indian tribes. We have implemented many programs for the prevention and treatment programs and have built an entire wing on Carl Albert Hospital to address

our particular needs.

In 1997, as part of the Balanced Budget Act, Congress appropriated \$50 million to be made available for Indian tribes to be used for diabetes prevention and treatment programs. Since that time, the appropriation was increased to \$150 million per year. However, such appropriations are due to end with fiscal year 2008.

Those funds have allowed more than 300 Indian nations to provide diabetes prevention and treatment programs such as gestational diabetes programs, youth camps, fitness centers, walking programs, cooking classes and the like. Many of the programs offered here at the Chickasaw Nation have been funded in part by those appropriations.

I have the honor to serve on the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. The Committee is meeting in June with other stakeholders to devise and implement a plan to seek the support of

Congress to continue funding diabetes programs past 2008. We believe that Indian nations have just begun to tackle the epidemic problem of diabetes and we wish to continue our efforts through funding provided by Congress.

It will be a long battle that requires the assistance of us all. In future articles published in *the Chickasaw Times*, I will be letting you know what we can do together as a grassroots effort to persuade Congress to continue its funding and how we can devise and participate in diabetes prevention and treatment programs in the Chickasaw Nation. Please remember that when we combine forces as a nation, we are truly "unconquered and unconquerable." This will also apply to our battle with diabetes.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Pontotoc District Legislator Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN.

May 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-063

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a daycare center to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-064

Resolution in Support of the Lighthorse Police to Participate in the

Bureau of Indian Affairs and State of Oklahoma Deputation Agreement

Explanation: This resolution updates General Resolution No. 22-007, specific to the Deputation Agreement negotiated between the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office Law Enforcement Services and Security (OLESS) and the State of Oklahoma pertaining to the cross commissioning of law enforcement agencies from the several agencies to strengthen law enforcement capacity and cooperation within the state and tribal territories. That agreement was fully executed January 23, 2006 and the Lighthorse Police Department has initiated discussions with local law enforcement agencies to participate in the agreement.

Requested By: Governor Bill Anoatubby The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-065

Approval of Supplemental Funding Request for the

Department of Education Services - Higher Education Program

Explanation: This resolution approves a budgetary supplement of \$3,300,000 for the Department of Education Services' higher education program. Funding will be used to administer graduate undergraduate, clothing grants and textbook grants for the upcoming summer and fall semesters.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Chairman Finance Committee As Amended

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-066

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

(Tribal Tract No. 479-A)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., 3035 NW 63rd Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73116, who has submitted An acceptable bid of \$600.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$6,000.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1,500.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to the S/2 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 20.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-067

Right-of-way Easement in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for construction of a road upon property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as a strip, piece or parcel of land lying within Lot 1 and 6, Block 75, Town of Oakland, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-068

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Garvin County, Oklahoma, to-wit: The surface only described as: All that portion of the NE/4 of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of I.B.M., lying East of 1-35, LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land described as beginning at the NE corner of said Section 9, Thence West 320 feet; Thence South 340 feet; Thence East 320 feet; Thence North 340 feet to the point of beginning, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging and warrant title to same, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request

the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-069

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution

approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as:

Being a tract of land out of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Indian Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the South right-of-way line of Robert S. Kerr Water Research Laboratory Road

(1 50 ft. wide) and the East right-of-way line of State Highways 3 and 99 (100 feet wide); Thence with said South right-of-way line of Robert S. Kerr Water Research Laboratory Road (1 50 ft. wide) N 60°25' E a distance of 43 1.00 feet to the point for a corner; Thence with the South

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Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

May 15, 2006

Present: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs Education Committee

May 8, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert

Absent: Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright

Finance Committee

May 8, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Absent: Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

May 15, 2006

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs Human Resources Committee

May 8, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert Land Development Committee

May 8, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

May 8, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

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OKC street renamed to honor American Indian Center



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, accepts the American Indian Boulevard street sign from Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett. At right is NACEA vice chairman Gregg Wadley.

OKLAHOMA CITY - A section of Eastern Avenue in Oklahoma City was renamed Ameri-

can Indian Boulevard during ceremonies May 11.

The section is immediately

south of I-40 at the east entrance of the future site of the American Indian Cultural Center.

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett presented an American Indian Boulevard street sign to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA).

"We believe this is the appropriate place for this Center," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This is the center of Indian culture for this region and possibly the entire country."

Gov. Anoatubby said the Cultural Center will be a natural addition to development of tourist attractions in Oklahoma City and the state.

"This is just one more component that will add to this

city and this state, to make it a destination point," said Governor Anoatubby. "We are going to have international travelers come here to enjoy this world-class facility."

Mayor Cornett echoed the sentiment.

"This is going to be a centerpiece for tourism and American Indian culture," said Cornett.

The Cultural Center is a signature Centennial project. Oklahoma's centennial will be celebrated in 2007.

"We're thrilled the City of Oklahoma City has decided to rename this portion of the street American Indian Boulevard," Blake Wade, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Centennial Commission said. "This is one of many signs that the American Indian Cultural Center is mov-

ing forward."

Gov. Anoatubby noted that the Cultural Center could not become a reality without the support of the city, state, federal and tribal governments.

"This site has been neglected a long, long time," said Cornett, who noted the site is being cleaned up as construction continues. "I think that's appropriate as we return our attention to the American Indian culture, that we return the land to the way it should be."

It has been almost 30 years since Senators Kelly Haney and the late Robert M. Kerr, introduced legislation to establish the NACEA to design, construct and operate an American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. *Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

Funds transferred from businesses dedicated to Cultural Center, capital projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure

for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2006 Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$51.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$3.7 million and \$18.5 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$54.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled \$43 million and \$315 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was

\$99.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$51.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2006, the tribal government funds had \$51 mil-

lion in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$113 million in cash and investments of which \$77 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of April 30, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$541 million with \$77 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$463 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$72 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2006

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures

General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets April 30, 2006

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$	3,784,122	315,674,126	319,458,248
	47,825,163	(47,825,163)	-
	51,609,285	267,848,963	319,458,248
Expenditures			
	4,169,875		4,169,875
	822,748		822,748
	318,872		318,872
	2,987,066		2,987,066
	1,493,029		1,493,029
	3,759,381		3,759,381
	1,948,717		1,948,717
	1,137,854		1,137,854
	845,696		845,696
	1,061,938		1,061,938
	-		-
		132,944,097	132,944,097
		83,264,906	83,264,906
	18,545,176	216,209,003	234,754,179
	33,064,109	51,639,960	84,704,069
	168,970,720	209,824,594	378,795,314
\$	202,034,829	261,464,554	463,499,383

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Net Assets			
\$	51,918,259	113,037,585	164,955,844
	422,220	14,880,740	15,302,960
		4,090,623	4,090,623
		2,690,754	2,690,754
		30,237,686	30,237,686
	149,792,748	174,096,711	323,889,459
	(98,398)	(77,569,544)	(77,667,942)
\$	202,034,829	261,464,554	463,499,383

Arguments heard regarding tribal court jurisdiction



Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Justice

Chukma!

Greetings from the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation.

On April 3, 2006, the Justices of the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on a case concerning the jurisdiction of the District Court. In order to accommodate the number of people involved in the Hearing and the number of Justices, the Hearing was held at the David Stout Building in Ada, Oklahoma on the Headquarters campus. This building is where the Legislative Branch conducts its sessions.

We were honored to have the opportunity to use the facility and appreciative of the Legisla-

tive staff for their assistance.

The panel hearing arguments was comprised of Chief Justice Mark Colbert and Justice Barbara Smith with Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred recusing from the matter. Arguments were made by James R. Neal, standing in for Jess Green, and Deresa Gray Clark, standing in for Nancy McAlester, attorneys for the petitioner and Gary James for the respondent. Sherry Abott-Todd provided her own argument as respondent Special Judge in the case on appeal. All presentations were impressive.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial System provides a District Court for citizens to bring actions for redress and actions for resolution of disputed issues. The District Court, also, assigns cases to the Peacemakers to resolve issues in a more traditional consensus forum. Both Courts have been well-received and well-used by the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

In addition to the forum provided by the District Court, appellate review is available on any and all decisions of the District Court. The appellate review is provided by the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court. A party to an action may appeal a deci-

sion of the lower court by filing an appeal with the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court. However, there is a process that must be followed as stated in Title 5 Article A of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The decisions of the Supreme Court on any appeal shall be final and binding on all parties and shall be entered as a written order. In some cases the Supreme Court may deem it necessary to also write an opinion as to the reasoning for the decision.

An action of review is begun by filing an original Notice of Intent to Appeal and Designation of Record on Appeal with the District Court within 30 days from the date a final order is entered by the District Court and served on all parties. The District Court then files copies of all relevant materials compiled in the case with the Supreme Court. The Petitioner, who is the party appealing, shall have 30 days to file an original Petition for Appeal with 6 copies to the Supreme Court. The action then proceeds through the Supreme Court and parties continue to proceed as proscribed in the Code.

Appellate review is an invaluable tool to the Justice system. Each decision made at the lower

court is always reviewable by the appellate court. While review is not available to allow for another trial, review is available in case of error or mistake. This balance allows for all parties to rely on fair and just decisions.

If you would like to know

more about the Judicial system and appellate review, you can contact Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk for assistance at the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court in Ada at (580)235-0281 or at 124 East Main, Ada, Oklahoma 74820.



From left, Chief Justice Mark Colbert, Justice Barbara Smith and Supreme Court Clerk Jason Burwell.

Head Start students benefit from tribal commitment



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Justice

Summer is upon us once again as the Judicial Branch continues to address the legal needs of the Chickasaw citizens.

I was honored to be invited to attend the graduation of the Sulphur Headstart children on May 9, 2006. I am humbled when I look into those little faces and see the excitement of the future in their eyes. I appreciate the teachers for their commitment and hard work. The parents and

family members are doing a wonderful job with the children today. I believe it takes a TRIBE to raise a child.

I had the opportunity to attend the dedication ceremony of Pikey's Crossing May 12, 2006. The south end of the northbound bridge on State Highway 4 that intersects with State Highway 37, which crosses the South Canadian River, was designated as Pikey's Crossing. A marker will serve as a tribute to Chickasaw citizen, Ben Pikey, who served the Chickasaw Nation in many capacities including Representative and Speaker of the House for the Chickasaw Nation during the 1800s. Congratulations to Betty Smith and her family for all the hard work in establishing the Pikey's Crossing.

The Supreme Court Justices will interview applicants for court advocate position at the District Court. We hope to have

a new advocate in place to serve the citizens soon.

The Chickasaw Bar Association has sent out a reminder to members of the Chickasaw Bar Association to renew their bar dues. If you have any questions regarding the Chickasaw Bar Association, please contact Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk, at: (580) 235-0281.

We will be attending the Sovereignty Symposium which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 30-June 1, 2006. Look in next month's article for the report on the Symposium.

Have a wonderful summer and be careful during the next few months due to the extreme heat. Remember to check on the elders in your community during the hot summer. Thank you to the readers and I look forward to next month article on the Judicial Department. Drive safely.

Chickasaw Language

Minti	Come
Minti cha impa.	Come and eat
Minti cha paska apa.	Come and eat bread
Chokwa	Come in
Kocha	Come out
Saba minti.	Come with me.
Hika	Stop
Hika tok.	He/she stopped.
Hika chi?	Is (he/she) stopping?
Aaissachi	Quit
Mali kut aaissachi.	The wind (stopped/quit) blowing.
To'li aaissachi banna.	He/she wants to quit playing ball.
Aya	Go/going
Achompa aya chi.	He/she is going to town.
Achompa aya chi banna?	Do you want to go to town?
Binni'li	Sit/sat/setting
Yammat binni'li.	He/she is setting there.
Yappa binni'li tok.	He/she sat here.
Yappa binni'lila chi.	He/she will sit here.
Binni'li yappa.	Sit here.
Hikkiya	Stand/standing
Hikkiya tok	He/she stood up.
Yappa shi hikkiya shki.	Stand here.
Ahikkiya chi.	He/she will stand here.
Nowa	Walk/walking
Nowa chi.	He/she will walk.
Nowa tok.	He/she walked.

Pikey's Crossing monument honors Chickasaw pioneer



Descendants of Benson Pikey look on as Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby congratulates Benson's great-great-granddaughter Betty Smith after unveiling the monument at Pikey's Crossing, established by Benson Pikey in 1867.

MUSTANG, Okla. - More than 100 friends, relatives and public officials attended a May 12 "Pikey's Crossing" monument dedication ceremony near Mustang, Okla.

The crossing is named for Benson Pikey, a Chickasaw who established a low water crossing on the South Canadian River in 1867 which was used by travel-

ers for decades.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Pikey descendant Betty Smith unveiled the monument on the south side of the South Canadian River Bridge on Highway 4.

"Benson Pikey was a legislator, soldier, businessman and family man who left a great legacy for his descendants,"

said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is only fitting that this monument will stand as a testament to the many things he accomplished in his life."

Betty Smith, a lineal descendant of Benson Pikey, worked for more than four years to have the monument placed on the site.

Mrs. Smith said the story of Benson Pikey had been handed down from generation to generation and her mother was "the one who motivated me to do this."

She added that dedications such as this should be much more common.

"We should have markers like this all over (the Chickasaw Nation)," said Mrs. Smith. "If we don't write our own history, it won't get written."

Born in Mississippi in late 1836 or early 1837, Benson Pikey survived the Removal of the Chickasaws to Indian Territory.

As a young man, he was elected as a representative to the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature prior to the War Between the States. After serving four years as a Confederate Captain, he was elected once again to the

legislature, where he helped in rebuilding the tribal government.

During this time, Mr. Pikey began searching for a safe low water crossing point on the Canadian River, which was well known for the treacherous sandbars that appeared to be safe places to cross.

He established Pikey's Crossing in 1867 with the approval and authority of the Chickasaw Nation. This low water crossing was often used by cattlemen on the Chisholm Trail.

Mr. Pikey also built a ferryboat to carry wagons loaded with goods, farm animals and passengers across the river when it was too dangerous to safely cross on a horse. There was plenty of grass for the cattle to graze and fresh cold water for drinking, cooking and washing for travelers at the well known Chickasaw Springs behind Pikey's cabin.

In 1889, Mr. Pikey and three

other ranchers received permission from the Chickasaw Nation to build a drift line fence along the south bank of the South Canadian River.

This fence was needed to protect residents on the southern side from Oklahoma Territory "moon shiners." Those "moon shiners" were slipping across the river by the light of the moon stealing food, horses, cattle, chickens, tools, wagons and anything else they could carry off.

Approved only 16 days before the land rush of Oklahoma, the document gave the ranchers permission to build 50 or more miles of fence along the river.

With the overnight creation of Oklahoma City in 1889, Pikey's Crossing became the main crossing on the South Canadian between Chickasha and this new city for the next 30 years.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw artist named Red Earth Honored One



Mike Larsen

OKLAHOMA CITY - Mike Larsen, award winning Chickasaw artist, has been named the 2006 Red Earth Honored One. Mr. Larsen receives the award for his dedication and skill as a Native American artist.

The artist is perhaps best known for his 1991 mural "Flight of Spirit," a tribute to five Native American ballet dancers, which was unveiled as a permanent fixture in the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Mr. Larsen, who attended the

press conference with his wife Martha, said "we feel really excited about being a good representative for the tribe. Martha and I are working more and more to help the arts in the tribe develop."

Currently, the Larsens are working on a series of 24 portraits of Chickasaw elders. Eight of the portraits were unveiled Sept. 13, 2005 in the Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building in Tishomingo.

"(Being selected as Honored One) will be a good opportunity to visit with people about what we're doing down in Ada and Tishomingo," said Mr. Larsen.

Heavily involved in Red Earth in the early years of the festival, Mr. Larsen was chosen as the first grand award winner in the history of the event.

Alan Houser and Dick West presented the award that year.

Mr. Larsen said that receiving the award from Houser and West "was even more important to us than the actual award itself."

The artist strives to convey

emotion in his work and he is well known for his use of exaggerated hands.

Historical accuracy is another trademark of Larsen paintings.

During the painting of his "shamans of the nations" project in which he painted shamans from federally recognized tribes of Oklahoma, he was driven by the desire to have those holy men dressed according to their tribal traditions.

Born in Dallas, Texas in 1944, Mr. Larsen grew up in farming communities in Oklahoma and Texas.

He began his formal art studies at Amarillo Junior College. He later studied at the University of Houston and the arts students' league in New York City.

The Red Earth Honored One recognizes a Native American master visual artist whose support of Native American art has been substantial throughout his life.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Constitution Day August 30

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Mark your calendars for the Chickasaw Constitution Day celebration 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 30 at Pennington Park in Tishomingo.

A free barbecue dinner, including pashofa and grape dumplings will be served.

A religious service including gospel singing is also on the agenda.

Kids from eight to 80 will have the opportunity to enjoy ring toss, horseshoe games, three-legged races, sack races and numerous other activities on the lawn.

Other activities will include tours of the capitol and a spe-

cial Constitution Day awards ceremony.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the contest for best historical costume.

Cash prizes will also be awarded to winners of the student Constitution Day art contest and student Constitution Day essay competition.

Art created by contest participants will be on display on the capitol grounds for all to enjoy.

Constitution Day marks the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution, which was ratified August 30, 1856 in Tishomingo City.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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Tribe promotes healthy homes through education

The Chickasaw Nation is striving for healthier people by promoting healthier homes.

A range of health problems can result from unhealthy housing conditions including injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning, cancer, childhood lead poisoning, asthma and other respiratory illness.

Expectant mothers, children and elders are the most vulnerable people for home related disease or injury. Young children are especially susceptible because they spend nearly 80-90 percent of their time inside the home, according to the National Center for Healthy Housing.

The Chickasaw Nation, East Central University Environmental Health Science Department and the National Center for Healthy Housing teamed up to produce a two-day healthy homes practitioner course.

People from many professional backgrounds including community health representa-

tives, tribal housing division employees as well as environmental health science students gathered at the workshop May 2-3 to gain insight into how housing and health are related and actions they can take to improve the health of their constituents.

"We want to educate people on how to educate families on the importance of keeping homes clean, dry and ventilated," said Linda Robins, Chickasaw Nation Director of Housing Development. "The participants attending the meeting are probably the first point of contact with the families."

Keeping homes dry by repairing leaks as soon as possible and keeping homes clean to prevent infestations were some key concerns, Robins said.

When homes are not kept dry, hazards include mold and dust mites, both elements that can trigger asthma.

"Between 1980-1994, asthma

increased 75 percent," said Tom Neltner, National Center for Healthy Housing Representative.

Carpet, air conditioners and tighter sealed houses in general help lead to the increase of asthma, Neltner said.

"A house is like a body, it needs to breathe. You wouldn't wrap your body in Saran Wrap," he said.

Proper ventilation helps control moisture, which may reduce asthma and allergens.

Injury prevention was also an important factor in the seminar. Falls account for more than one-third of all home injury related deaths. Ways to prevent injury include handrails in tubs and stairs and child safety locks on all second floor windows.

The nation will continue to promote a healthy community



Participants listen to home health hazards at the conference.

for all of its citizens. In June, the housing development department will partner with assistant professor Patrick Bohan and the East Central University Environmental Health Science

Department to provide a summer enrichment program for students in June.

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Chickasaw Nation Industries recognized as good place to work by *OKCBusiness*

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) took third-place honors in the small business category during the *OKCBusiness* Best Places to Work in Oklahoma reception and dinner May 4.

"This type of recognition confirms that our efforts to provide a positive work environment at every level are appreciated by employees," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Placed into the small business category because contract employees were not included in the total, CNI finished behind Nextep and Hallmark Management.

"The quality of Oklahoma's workforce will shape the state's future in the highly competitive global economy. Understanding the strong correlation between a quality workplace and a quality workforce, many Oklahoma employers are setting the standard for excellence," Bleakley said. "Best Places to Work in Oklahoma is the recognition program to acknowledge Oklahoma companies and organizations that excel in creating and fostering

outstanding workplaces."

The selection process included the Best Companies Group engaging Modern Think, a workplace excellence consulting firm, to independently conduct an employee survey and assessment of each company that applied. The applicants completed an Infrastructure and Practices Inventory to collect information about employment policies and practices as well.

Criteria for eligibility required a company being a for-profit or non-profit business or governmental organization, having a local Oklahoma facility and having 25 employees within the Oklahoma workforce.

OKCBusiness, Central Oklahoma's Business News in Print & Online, in conjunction with Best Companies Group, the Oklahoma State Council of Human Resources Management, The State Chamber, Career Tech, Oklahoma Center for Nonprofit Management and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, initiated the state-wide program.

20 Chickasaw ECU graduates receive special Chikasha Holitoplich honors

On May 13, 2006, the Chickasaw Nation had the privilege of awarding 20 Chickasaw graduates of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma with Chikasha Holitoplich honors.

Chikasha Holitoplich is the Chickasaw Nation honor society established in the fall of 2005 to recognize the academic success of Chickasaw college students. The program, which was piloted at East Central University, promotes the exemplary work and achievement of Chickasaw students who graduate with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.

In total, 31 Chickasaw students graduated from East Central University in May. Three earned their master's degrees and 28 received bachelor's degrees.

The 20 students who earned Chikasha Holitoplich honors were presented special stoles by Chickasaw Nation Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown at an honor graduate recognition ceremony prior to their graduation commencement.

Those receiving honors included:

Daniel D. Arms
Jacqueline R. Clark
Laticia R. Euper
Eric J. Harden
Kelly D. Harrison

Karla Markae Harrod
Ashley R. Hart
Victor Jacome
Mary L. Johnson
Warren Johnson
Rebekah Y. Justus
Rici Love
Kristin D. Powell
Jarrold Presley

Travis L. Robben
Kristen Rusk
Dalena J. Steidley
Lisa Sweet
Cletha J. Williams
Jennifer A. Williams

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Three Chikasha Holitoplich honor graduates with Chickasaw Nation Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown following the East Central University honor graduate recognition ceremony. At left is Mr. Brown with graduates, from left, Mary Johnson, Jennifer Williams and Jarrod Presley.

Head Start parents recognized for positive impacts



Volunteer of the Year Rachel Wood, left, and Pamela Moore, right, Top Classroom Volunteer, both of Tishomingo.

Vivid tones of red, yellow and green lined the walls and flaming warrior dragons dangled from the ceiling at this year's Asian-themed Annual Head Start Parent Appreciation Night.

The warrior dragons symbolized all 256 of the unconquered and unconquerable Head Start "warriors" that volunteers and parents helped groom this year to continue the Chickasaw legacy of excellence.

"The goal of tonight is to recognize the parents and caregivers for their dedication and efforts," said Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Education Administrator. "The foundation of our program is built upon these families and we want them to feel inspired and appreciated."

A primary goal of the National Head Start Program is to encourage parental involvement and help parents become the primary teacher in the child's life, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. A 2005 study by the department has proven that Head Start parents do more educational activities than non-Head Start parents, and expose their children to experiences that promote cultural awareness and development.

"Parent volunteers help significantly reduce the teacher/student ratio to provide increased one-on-one instruction time," said Danny Wells, Chickasaw Nation Head Start Director. "Parental involvement is an es-

sential ingredient in the success of the head start program."

Mr. Wells welcomed everyone and introduced the entertainment. Former Head Start student Autumn Underwood appeared in full regalia and sang an old Choctaw hymn in the native tongue.

Mr. Wells handed out numerous awards to parents and volunteers of all six Head Start centers including Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Rachel Wood of Tishomingo. Ms. Wood has volunteered for three years and will continue spend her free time with the Head Start children, she said.

"I love the kids and I love to help them out," Ms. Wood said. "I think they like me too."

Chickasaw Nation Head Start is available to children three to five years of age living within the Nation's service area. Preference is given to children with disabilities, low income, or Native Americans. For more information contact 580-436-7276.

The award recipients are as follows:

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year - Rachel Wood, Tishomingo

Top Volunteers-
Ada - Shelly Morrison
Ardmore - Mary Russell
Duncan - Jerry Riggs
Madill - Nikki Raiburn
Tishomingo - Rachel Wood
Classroom Volunteers-

Ada - Christina Turnbull, Felicia Lumley, Rube Orphan, Shelly Morrison

Ardmore - Mary Russell, Jeri Cox, Carolyn Marie Lunow

Duncan - Cindy Araya
Madill - Danny and Katherine Marris

Sulphur - Leslie Hughes, Cassie Dunham

Tishomingo - Pamela Moore
Policy Council Officers-

Ada - Tom John, Michelle Wilson, Chasity Smith, Dayna Brown, Terri Brown, Felicia Lumley

Ardmore - Allen Givens, Ben Parnacher, Leesa Crawford, Lisa Douglass

Duncan - Jerry Riggs
Madill - Lori Long

Sulphur - Dustin Woodruff, Maria Jones, Kim Smith

Tishomingo - Carol Factor

Parent Committee Officers:

Ada - Paula Burris, president, Megan LaHue, vice-president, Candessa Morgan, secretary

Ardmore - Regina Pereira, president, April Wilson, secretary

Duncan - Cynthia Araya, president

Madill - Renee Richards,



Former Head Start student Autumn Underwood providing the entertainment.

president, Shelby Thompson, vice-president, Nikki Raiburn, secretary, Lori Long, reporter

Sulphur - Bambi White, president, Stephanie Rogers, vice-president, Laura Cope, secretary

Tishomingo - Pamela Moore, president, Sabrina Duncan, vice-president, Amy Morgan, secretary.

Foster Grandparent:

Ada - Paul Ingram, Emma Hill

Ardmore - Celia Martin, Norma Herndon, Cealis Carterby

Duncan - Lilly Hall
Madill - Alice Bowen

Sulphur - Lowana Muncief

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Te Ata world premiere scheduled August 5



JudyLee Oliva

"Te Ata," a play by Chickasaw Playwright JudyLee Oliva, is scheduled for world premiere August 5-13, 2006 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, Okla.

"Te Ata" is a full-length play with music based on the real life story of Te Ata Fisher, renowned Chickasaw actress from

Oklahoma.

Te Ata performed a one-person show of Indian folklore for more than 70 years, including performances in the White House as a guest of President Franklin Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Te Ata also performed for the King and Queen of England.

"Te Ata was a remarkable Chickasaw actress and her story, told on stage through words, songs and dance is a spiritual journey," wrote Ms. Oliva in an open letter. "The play has been 13 years in the making, from my initial research, to meeting Te Ata and her family, to recording the music in Tucson, to workshopping it at OU and at Te Ata's alma mater, USAO, to an Off Broadway reading in New York, and at long last, to premiering it on the very stage where Te Ata learned her craft."

Ms. Oliva anticipates taking the play on the road to venues across the state as a precursor

to Oklahoma's Centennial celebration.

As part of the world premiere, the auditorium at USAO will be re-named "The Te Ata Memorial Auditorium."

Original compositions and musical arrangements for the play are by Tucson composer Jay Vosk.

Tickets are on sale now for \$15 to \$25. To order, call (580) 272-5520 or (405) 574-1213.

For more information, visit www.TeAtaWorldPremiere.com.

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Births



Mieiah Pigeon

Mieiah Rhene Pigeon was born March 23, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs., 2 ozs., and measured 19.7 inches.

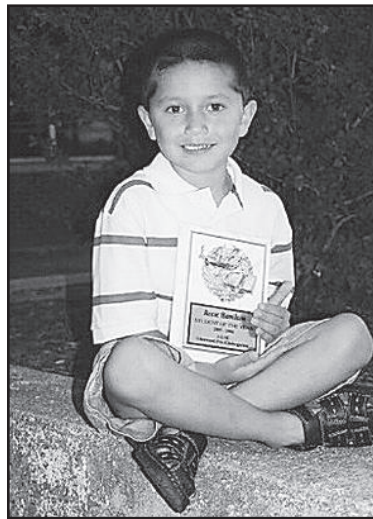
She is the daughter of Megan Pigeon.

She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Battiest, Coalgate, Okla., and Paul Pigeon, South Carolina. She is the great-granddaughter of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla.

She is the cousin of Mahli Herrera, Jayce Roberts, Jered Greenwood, and Misho and Naki Greenwood. She is the niece of Sara Herrera, Jennifer Fry and Jay Roberts, Tami and Ric Greenwood and Rose and Brad Greenwood.

Mieiah is Chickasaw/Creek.

Chickasaw boy named JOM Student of Year



Reese Hamilton

Reese Hamilton was recently awarded JOM Pre-K Student of the Year for Glenwood School, Ada, Okla.

His teacher is Ms Wells. Reese enjoys playing basketball, t-ball and watching Cartoon Network.

He is the son of Randall and Christina Hamilton.

He is the grandson of Harold Hamilton, Carol Hamilton, Brad and Mindi Fish and Tommy and Cassandra Russell.

We are all so proud of Reese!

Mocassin Trail Tip of the Month

Warming up for exercise prepares the body for physical action. The process involves stretching exercises and physical activities that gradually heat the muscles and elevate the heart rate.

The cool-down is as important as the warm-up. Cool-down should last 8 to 10 minutes and consist of two phases. The first phase involves 5 minutes of walking to prevent the blood from pooling in the muscles that have been working. The second phase of cool-down should focus on the stretching exercises performed during the warm-up.

The Moccasin Trail program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1000 mile goal: Rachael Porter and Dean Starnes. Congrats gals for your success!

Chickasaw ballplayer to SOSU



Seated from left are Roff (OK) High School principal Bubba Tidwell, Roff athlete C.J. Stewart and Roff baseball coach Ead Simon. Standing are CJ's parents, Mike and Jana Stewart.

C.J. Stewart of Roff (OK) High School recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant.

C.J. is the son of Mike and Jana Stewart.

He is the grandson of Vernon and Chae Brown, Ellen Goforth Green, all of Roff, and Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Lela Stewart, Connerville.

Chickasaw student earns master's degree from University of Texas



Rebecca Beninati

Rebecca Beninati, Assistant Director of the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation program, has recently received her master's of education degree with a concentration in vocational rehabilitation. Mrs. Beninati completed all of the needed coursework in December of 2005 via online from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mrs. Beninati has been employed by the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation department in Ada, Okla., for the past seven years. She was promoted from VR Counselor

II to Assistant Director in February 2006.

Mrs. Beninati is a proud Chickasaw citizen who resides within the Chickasaw service area. She currently lives in Roff, Okla., a small town outside of Ada.

Mrs. Beninati completed her master's degree while raising three children and continually playing an active role in their lives.

"The past two years have been extremely challenging with work, school and raising three children," she said. "Completing the graduate program at the University of Texas at Austin was a wonderful and rewarding experience for me. I could not have completed the program without the support of my family and the team at the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Thank you all for encouraging me to dream."

The Chickasaw National Vocational Rehabilitation program director, Michelle Wilson along with the entire staff said "our team is extremely proud of Rebecca for all she has accomplished."

Quirk, York exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. Joe York

Joe Alan York and Christian Leah Quirk were united in marriage July 14, 2005 at Eureka Springs, Ark.

Christian is the daughter of Jerry and Robert Rice, of Newalla, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Harvey and Mildred Leslie, of Newalla, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Nannie Wade Leslie and William Ingram Leslie.

Joe is the son of Alan and Trudy York, of Oklahoma City.

Haidden Jewett



Haidden Daniel Jewett, 4 months, is the son of Heather Leslie Jewett and Chris Jewett. The first grandchild of Randy Leslie and first great-grandchild of Willie and Sharon Leslie. He is the great-great-great grandson of Will and Nannie Wade Leslie.

Haidden is our little pride and joy. He has shown us a whole new meaning in life. He is learning and growing every day and never stops going (he is the true meaning of busy body). We love him so much and thank

God for blessing us with such a precious baby boy.



Chickasaw student engaged in political leadership program



Kevin Kincheloe, right, with U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.).

DURANT, OKLA. — A Chickasaw student is one of 11 college students nationwide who recently completed the inaugural semester of the AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The program is funded by a \$357,000 grant from AT&T Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc.

Kevin Kincheloe, a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, took part in this first-of-its-kind political leadership development program for Native American college students under the direction of The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management.

As part of the AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program, Kincheloe earned the opportunity to spend a semester in the nation's capital while taking classes at The George Washington University, participating in hands-on internships and interacting with political leaders and policy makers.

After graduation later this year

from Southeastern Oklahoma State, Kincheloe plans to return to Washington, D.C., and work on Capitol Hill.

The AT&T Foundation grant also provided funding for a series of visits to Capitol Hill devoted to public policy issues affecting Native American communities and for a GW professor from the Graduate School of Political Management to coordinate the AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program.

"This program provides students a great opportunity to learn how Congress works," said U.S. Rep. Dan Boren (D-Okla.) "An introduction to the political process provides them the skills to become local leaders and help advocate important issues for our community. I am proud to support this important program that invests in the future of our Native American youth."

As part of the program curriculum, students learn key elements of political campaigns and governance including: message development, media production, public opinion research, congressional procedure, campaign

finance law, lobbying, public affairs and leadership development.

The AT&T Foundation grant providing funding to cover tuition, housing, books and other expenses for 10 students a year for three years, a total of 30 AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program scholars.

"In this program, participating Native American students are immersed in the American political process and have the opportunities to learn how public policy decisions are made, how legislation is created, how are government operates and how democratic policies function in a free society," said Greg Lebel, director of the Semester in Washington program at The George Washington University.

Program graduates are well prepared to move on the positions of responsibility on Capitol Hill, in state and local governments, in the political consulting profession, in public affairs and public relations, and in the media.

Red Hawks lightin' it up



The Ada Red Hawks recently placed second at the pre-season tournament at Homer Field, Ada, Okla. Several of the players on the team are Chickasaw/Native American. Players are, front row from left, Hunter Conklin, Rylan Reed, Payton Stinnett, Jarrett Ellis, Reese Hamilton. Back row from left, Jordan Willis, Daniel Wade, Blake Easterling, Tristan Plumlee, Braden Schroeder, and Tyler Sweet. The Red Hawks are coached by Randall Hamilton, Justin Conklin and Jeff Willis.

Jiu-Jitsu champion



Chickasaw martial arts practitioner Kevin Lewis, far right, recently captured first place in the Southwest Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Challenge in Bethany, Okla. Lewis trains at the Sasser Martial Arts Academy in Ardmore, Okla. Also pictured are, from left, Beth Allen, Mary Sasser, Jason Sasser, Luke Word, Cole Baker and Brian Baker.

Chickasaw graduate awarded scholarship to study Native American health issues



Jennifer Williams

Chickasaw citizen and recent East Central University graduate Jennifer Williams was recently selected to participate in the Summer of Discovery Intern-

ship program hosted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Association of American Indian Physicians has awarded Miss Williams a scholarship for the 10-week program and agreed to pay for her travel and living expenses.

Miss Williams will represent the Chickasaw Nation while she is researching ways to suppress receptors for obesity and alcoholism. The team of researchers is particularly concerned about Native American health.

"I feel it is my responsibility to help my people," Miss

Williams said. "I was raised to remember the importance of being Indian."

Miss Williams has worked in the health field for five years, but chose to pursue a career in medical research because she wanted to find solutions for illnesses, not treat the problem.

Miss Williams will complete her graduate studies at The University of Central Arkansas where she received an assistantship. The scholarship will pay for her school expenses and give her a stipend for other living expenses.

Bell named to shuffleboard hall of fame



Helen Maytubby Bell

A Chickasaw woman has been elected to a shuffleboard hall of fame.

Helen Maytubby Bell was recently inducted into the California Shuffleboard Association Hall of Fame in Hemet, Calif.

Mrs. Bell began playing shuffleboard in 1996 in Hemet. She has been a member of two world championship teams and served as an official for the 2001 world championships in Australia. She will seek to qualify for the 2007 international shuffleboard championship by competing at the district and state levels. The 2007 championships will be played in Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Bell is one-half Chickasaw. She thanks the Chickasaw Nation for helping sponsor her in the past.

Mrs. Bell was born in Oklahoma City and graduated from Southeast High School in 1953. Her father was the late Lymon Maytubby, second cousin to former Chickasaw Gov. Floyd Maytubby.

For more information, see www.hemetshuffler.com

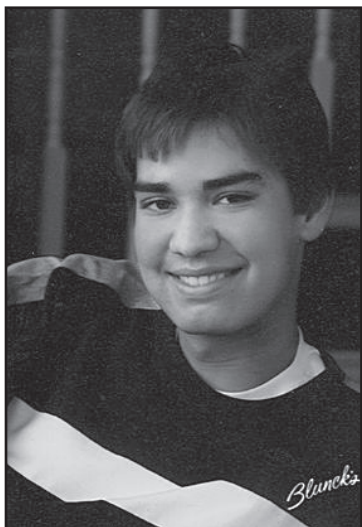
Chickasaw artist selected for First Peoples fellowship

A Chickasaw artist has recently been selected to receive a program fellowship from an art and cultural foundation.

Nancy Johnson, a Chickasaw/Choctaw traditional bead artist from Oklahoma City was named a 2006 fellow by the First Peoples Fund of Rapid City, S.D. Four Native artists were chosen 2006 fellows.

The mission of First Peoples is to honor and support the creative works of Native artists, and to nurture their collective spirit. Artists selected fellows demonstrate a strong desire to give back to their communities through teaching and sharing their ancestral knowledge.

In addition to Ms. Johnson, the other 2006 First Peoples fellows are Arthur Short Bull, an Oglala Lakota watercolorist; Ann Brown Ehlers, a Northern Tlingit chilkat weaver; and Pete Peterson Sr., a Skokomish traditional Salish carver.



Bruce Maytubby, Jr.

Maytubby first at tennis tourney

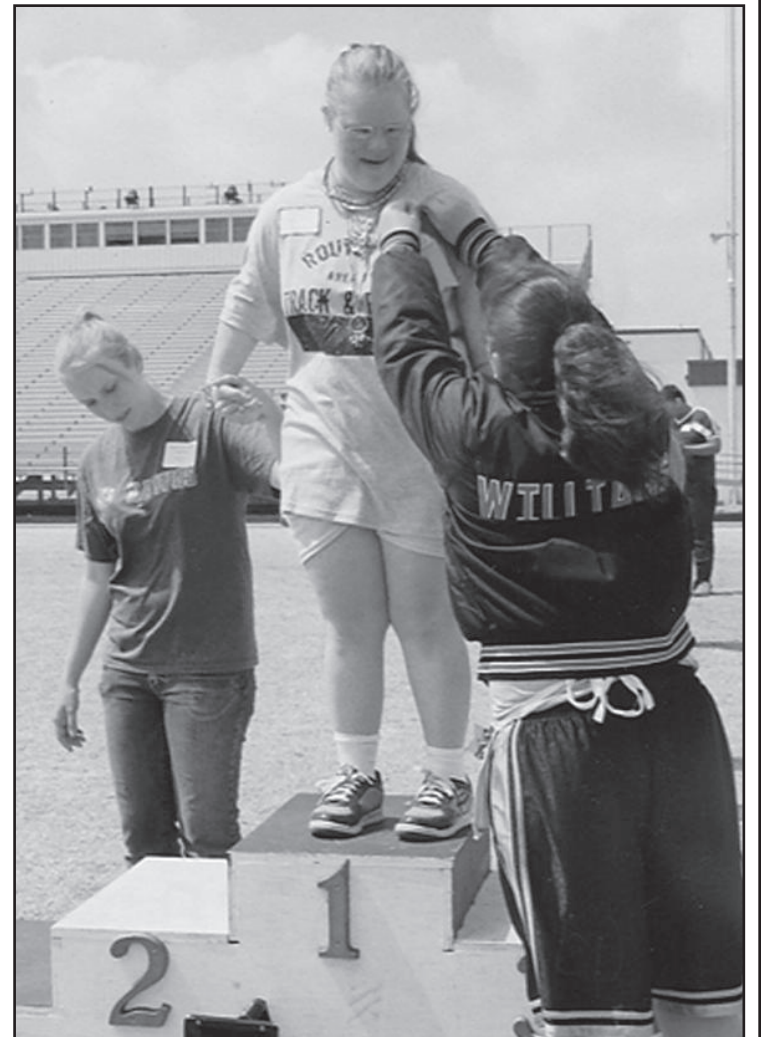
ANADARKO, Okla. – A Chickasaw high school senior has recently achieved a first-place finish in Oklahoma high school tennis.

Bruce Maytubby Jr., a rising senior at Anadarko High School, was a member of the Anadarko tennis team which finished first at the Tecumseh Tennis Tournament in March.

Bruce competed at number 1 singles for Anadarko. He was a member of the principal's honor roll and graduated from AHS in May.

Bruce is the son of Bruce and Kelly Maytubby, of Anadarko. His grandparents are Melvin and Kathryn Maytubby, of Norman, Okla.

Champion performance



Ashlie Thurman, center, receives a ribbon while participating in the April Special Olympics at Weatherford, Okla. Ashlie is a junior at Yukon (OK) High School. Ashlie placed first in the 25m walk and third in discus throw.

Murray State signee



Savannah Williford, seated left, a graduating senior at Tishomingo (OK) High School, signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Murray State College (MSC), Tishomingo, during a May 1 visit to campus. The forward averaged 6.2 points, 1.1 assists and 4.8 rebounds per game in high school. Seated at right is Miss Williford's sister, Taloa. Standing behind the signee is Tishomingo High School girls basketball coach Boyd Houser, left, and MSC women's basketball coach Mark Hamilton.



Chickasaw accepted to Tulsa School of Law



Lisa Sweet with son, Tyler.

A Chickasaw student has recently been accepted to law school.

Lisa Sweet has been accepted to begin the fall term at University of Tulsa School of Law. Ms. Sweet is a graduate of East Central (OK) University where she earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies. She is a 2000 graduate of Holdenville (OK) High School.

Ms. Sweet is employed with the Chickasaw Nation tribal health program.

"Without the support of my family, Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation, I would never have been able to pursue my dream of attending law school," she said.

Ms. Sweet is the daughter of Jerry Sweet and Debbie Sliger.

Elizabeth Norman named Miss Indian OKC



Elizabeth Norman

A young Chickasaw lady has recently been named Miss Indian Oklahoma City 2006.

Elizabeth Starre Norman was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma City during March 24 ceremonies at the Del City Community Center. Miss Norman, a Putnam City (OK) High School rising junior, has previously worn the crowns of Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City and Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

For the traditional talent portion of the program, Miss Norman acted as storyteller of Te Ata's "Baby Rattlesnake."

Miss Norman has been selected Oklahoma state delegate to the International Model and Talent Convention in New York in July 2007. She has appeared in the feature film "Unpassable House," completed a screen test for the role of Tiger Lily in 2004's "Peter Pan," and partici-

pated in Oklahoma University's presentation of "The Gift."

She is an accomplished ballroom dancer and will compete this month in the Oklahoma Invitational Ballroom Competition in the pro-am junior division international waltz.

Miss Norman enjoys horseback riding and attending powwows. She is a champion buckskin and cloth dancer, junior and teens.

She loves animals and plans to be a veterinarian.

Miss Norman will be a senior at Putnam City High School. She has a 3.8 grade point average, plays violin in the high school orchestra and is a varsity cheerleader.

Miss Norman is the daughter of Keith Ray Norman and Betty Norman. Her grandparents are Ben Norman and Betty MacIntubby

Chickasaw student participates in youth law forum

A Chickasaw student recently attended a youth leadership forum in Washington, D.C.

Randy Roeser, a rising sophomore from Santa Fe (TX) High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum in Law in Washington in February. The forum focuses on career development and introduces students to aspects of the legal profession.

Throughout the forum, students examine how court cases

change the legal system. Students visit important venues including the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the District of Columbia Superior Court. Students also visit some of the nation's top law schools including University of Maryland, Washington College and Howard University.

Founded in 1992, the National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization that helps prepare

exceptional young people for professional careers.

Randy is the son of Jimmy and Cathy Roeser, of Santa Fe. He is the grandson of Billie Troutt and the late Ernest Troutt, of Richardson, Texas, and Kay Roeser and the late John Roeser, of Dickinson, Texas.

Randy is the great-great-grandson of the late original enrollee Levi Kemp.

Sulphur student named to Oklahoma All Star Centennial Band



Jared Wingo

Chickasaw citizen Jared Wingo, of Sulphur, Okla., was recently selected to the Oklahoma All Star Centennial Band.

The Oklahoma Centennial Commission selected the state's top high school freshman, sophomore and junior musicians to participate in the 150-member marching band.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Oklahoma as a musical ambassador," Jared said.

The band will debut on Sept. 17 at the Oklahoma State Fair. One of the band's highlights includes a performance at the Rose Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif. The band will also be an integral part of Oklahoma's centennial celebration in 2007.

The high caliber of talent has led some Oklahoma universities to offer scholarships to centennial band participants. Northeastern Oklahoma State in Tahlequah, Southwestern Oklahoma State in Weatherford and Southern Nazarene in Bethany have agreed to award scholarships starting at \$500 and increasing based on talent and need to the band members.

Jared was also selected to Leadership Oklahoma's youth leadership class. Fifty high school juniors from across the state were selected to participate. From June 4-9, the participants will travel across the state to meet adult community and state leaders and develop personal leadership skills. The group will also visit tourist destinations in Oklahoma to explore Oklahoma's natural resources.

Jared will be a senior at Sulphur High School. He hopes his leadership skills, community service and 3.8 grade point average will earn him an invitation to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Jared is the son of Scott and Pamela Wingo.

7th Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Register at 9 a.m.; Start at 10 a.m.

Kullihoma Softball Field

(7 miles east of Ada, turn right at Kullihoma sign, follow road 2 miles, softball field is on the right. From Hwy. 48, take Kullihoma exit west, approx. 1 mile on left)

Singles:

1st Place: Trophy

2nd Place: Trophy

3rd Place: Trophy

Doubles:

1st Place: Trophys

2nd Place: Trophys

3rd Place: Trophys

Participation medals given to the first 30 participants registered.

Scoring: 1-3-5 / no skunking / 40 ft. only / all calls final / double elimination / draw partners.

Entry fee: \$ 6 per event / \$10 both events.

For more information call Bailey (580) 332-3304.



Chickasaw student selected People to People Ambassador



Student Ambassador William Chappell holding his prized Arrow of Light Boy Scout award.

Young Chickasaw citizen William Chappell was recently selected as a People to People student ambassador. The Oklahoma City fifth-grader will be part of a 40-student delegation traveling to Hawaii this summer to promote world peace and cultural understanding. William was selected from a competitive pool of applicants nationwide.

"Our ambassadors have to have a very high maturity level to represent the U.S. They just

have to stand out," said Amina Johnson of the People to People organization.

William definitely stands out. He has been a Cub Scout for five years and recently earned the highest honor awarded to a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light. He was just promoted to a Boy Scout and hopes to continue his leadership and community service within the organization. William said he wants to incorporate what he will learn as an ambassador to his Boy Scout missions.

"I just want to help other people," William said. "I want to promote world peace and show other countries what America is like."

William's mother, Dana Chappell, said William is very unique for his age, because he truly has a servant's spirit and a caring attitude, as well as being goal oriented.

The trip is not funded by the organization and students are encouraged to raise money for

the journey.

"They discourage parents paying for the trip," Dana Chappell said. She also said that income level is not a factor. The participants attend workshops on how to raise funds responsibly. William raised all his money by selling cookbooks, garage sales and contribution letters.

The People to People organization enables students to journey to countries on all seven continents to provide personal exchanges and firsthand experiences with other cultures. Students will return home with a sense of what it means to be a good neighbor and global citizen.

During his three-week ambassadorship in Hawaii, William will have the opportunity to visit volcano parks, interact with Hawaiian elders, sail, snorkel, surf and participate in a community service project to keep Hawaii beautiful.

People to People was founded in 1956 by President Dwight

Eisenhower. He believed that ordinary citizens of different nations, if able to communicate directly, would solve their differences and find a way to live in peace. The organization has selected 40,000 ambassadors this year including grade school, middle school and high school students as well as professional adults.

To become a People to People ambassador, the student must be selected for nomination or typically nominated by an educator for the program. Parents may also call 800.669.7882 or 509.534.0430 for more information.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw astronaut



Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington, the first Native American in space, signs autographs for a throng of fans after his keynote address during the May 17 awards ceremony at the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa.

Students recreate state history in 'Celebrate Oklahoma'



Washington Elementary play participants and teachers pose after the performance.

ADA, Okla. - "And you may kiss the bride," were the famous words said at the commemoration of the biggest union of the 20th century.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby helped the Washington Elementary School fourth grade classes kick-off the marriage of Miss Indian Territory to Mr. Oklahoma Territory on May 1.

The presentation called "Celebrate Oklahoma: Together We Thrive," exemplified the contributions both Native Ameri-

cans and settlers have made to Oklahoma.

The fourth-graders performed a re-enactment of the wedding. The ceremony represented the joining of the two territories that resulted in the state of Oklahoma in 1907.

"It is important that all students, Indians and non-Indians alike, learn the significant role Native Americans played in the formation of our state," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Ten-year-old Michelle Williams, Chickasaw/Choctaw,

played the part of Miss Indian Territory and 10-year-old Walker Whitworth played the part of Mr. Oklahoma Territory.

The performance consisted of six bridesmaids, six groomsmen, reporters, friendship dancers and a drum ensemble.

Other Chickasaw performers included friendship dancers Kiely Ray, Kayla Wilson and Michael Howard.

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Lighthorse Chief



Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal delivers an address on criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country to a May 9 meeting of the Lions Club in Ada.



Chickasaws help teachers 'connect' with Indian culture

EDMOND, Okla. - The University of Central Oklahoma Center for Arts Education hosted the second annual Connecting to American Indian Learners conference on May 13 at UCO. The Chickasaw Nation had many presenters who were integral to the success of the conference. The Creek and Choctaw Nations were also represented.

Chickasaw Nation Arts Education Manager Laura Morrison chaired the American Indian committee for the Oklahoma

Center for Arts Education and helped bring the one-day conference into fruition. She said the purpose of the conference was to continue to educate teachers on the Indian culture so they could better connect with Indian learners and integrate culture in the classroom.

"The more educators can learn about our culture, the more students can feel appreciated and validated," said Morrison.

Chickasaw Nation Arts Educator Trina Jones said by attending

different national conferences, she learned that many teachers want to teach other cultures, but are afraid of presenting them incorrectly.

Morrison said that was why she was trying to reach as many educators as possible. Over 4,000 invitations to the conference were given this year.

Improvements to this year's conference included early childhood education and more developed language sessions. Other topics covered at the conference included art, incentives, culture and diversity, and history.

Jones shared Native American culture by having her participants make spirit shields. She explained that the shields were not only used for protection, but were infused with magic for good luck. She shared different medicine animals that were often featured on the shields and the spirits the animals possessed.

Chickasaw presenters and their topics included Laura Morrison, cultural connections; Karen Goodnight, valuing diversity; Lorie Robins, story teller; JoAnn Ellis, language and culture; Trina Jones, art; and Darrell Walker, make and take dream catchers.

The conference concluded with a performance of Hina Falaa, The Long Journey, by the Chickasaw Nation.

Morrison said the arts education department has a global outlook on culture and she will continue to educate others



JoAnn Ellis teaches language and culture to conference participants.

about Native American culture worldwide.

"Education reflects all cultures, shows our humanity,

cultural differences as well as similarities," Morrison said.

Contributed by Kandis Murruck, tribal media relations.



Trina Jones instructs participants on how to make spirit shields at the Connecting to American Indian Learners Conference.

Indian ropers



Chickasaw roper Robert Pickens, right, and partner Robert Gregory compete in a recent roping event.

Robert Pickens, Chickasaw, and Robert Gregory, Choctaw, recently won first place in the #9 Incentive roping in Guthrie, Okla.

Prizes included Gist trophy buckles and positions in the National USTRC Finals Championship in Oklahoma City. Pickens and Gregory attended school together 1st thru 12th grades at Stonewall (OK) School and received

both bachelor's and master's degrees in education from East Central University. They began roping and rodeoing together in 1970 and began teaching careers in 1974. Combined they represent 64 years in the field of education. Pickens is employed in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education and Gregory is an administrator for Byng Public Schools.

Ada Chickasaw Community Council hears presentation on LIHEAP

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council hosted its meeting Thursday, May 18, 2006 at the Marie Bailey Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker was Carol Fox CHR. She told about LIHEAP, weatherization, burial program, roads program and

other important programs for Chickasaw citizens. Also present were Chris Tharp and Dr. Tina Cooper, who gave the group information about the new hospital and what services would be implemented. Debbie Tipton from Carl Albert Nutrition Services also gave information on the "traveling cooking show." Present were Mary Jo Green, Legislator, Eddie Postoak, Director of Cultural Resources, and Russell Stick Transportation.

The Chickasaw Community Council meetings are every third Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Marie Bailey community center. Speakers from different programs in the Chickasaw Nation and the community tell about important services for Chickasaw citizens. The next Chickasaw Community Council meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marie Bailey Community Center, a covered dish dinner usually follows the meeting. Everyone is welcome to the Chickasaw Community Council meetings.

OKC Council Summer Picnic Saturday, June 10

The ever-popular OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council annual picnic is Saturday, June 10 at 6 p.m. Be sure not to miss this summer celebration event. A brief business meeting will be conducted before the festivities.

Entertainment will be the Shackleford Children Chickasaw Skits, "a sheer joy to watch," commented Chair Giles when she made the announcement.

Guests are asked to bring their favorite side dishes or desserts. The Council will

furnish hot dogs, fixings and drinks. The Council is also asking for donations for the raffle. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Bring your family and friends and join all at the OKCMCCC Annual Picnic, at the Council House on Saturday, June 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Council building is located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City.

For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Jessica Knight

Jessica Nicole Knight is a 2006 graduate of Buffalo Valley High School, Buffalo, Okla. She is the daughter of Justin and Kristina Knight. She is the granddaughter of John Ross, Fittstown, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Lois Ross, Fittstown, and the late Bud Ross.

Jessica carried a 3.7 GPA. She was active in softball for four years playing shortstop and pitcher. She also played basketball for four years. She was elected 2006 Basketball Homecoming Queen. She participated in post livestock showing, speech and drama, and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She was active in the gifted and talented program, named All Conference for basketball her freshman and senior year, All Conference for softball her sophomore and senior year, *McAlester News* All Area Second Team her junior year, class president for three years, student council president, McCurtain Tournament All Star for softball, E.O.S.C. All Tournament Team for basketball her senior year and class historian.

She plans to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, where she received a presidential scholarship and a drama and theatrical scholarship.



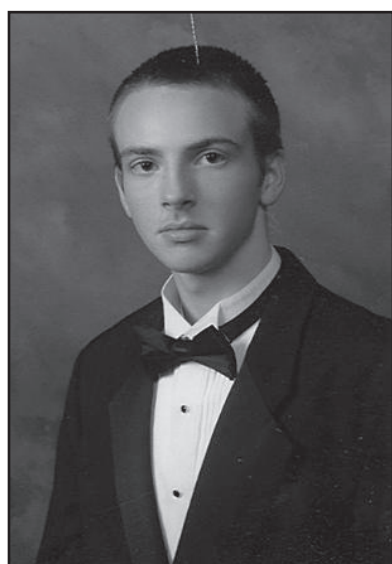
Ashdon Lance



Ashdon H. Lance is a 2006 graduate of Silo High School, Silo, Okla. He is the son of Rip and Kelly Lance, Durant, Okla. He is the grandson of George M. Lance, Frances Halstead, Floyd K. Allen and Lillian Allen.

Ashdon was a member of the state qualifying academic team for two years, FFA for four years, participated in the Range and Land Judging Project for four years, qualifying for state competition two years. He is a recipient of Wildlife Management Proficiency Award for years, participated in clay shooting competition for four years, qualifying for state one year, member of the baseball team for four years, qualifying for state seven seasons, Spring 2005 State Champions and Spring 2004 State Runner-Up, baseball team winner of two conference championships. Selected to participate on Oklahoma Sunbelt Team the summer of 2005. Placed first in Oklahoma's Century 21 Homerun Derby at Bricktown in Oklahoma City winning cash prize for school baseball program. Selected for the Bryan County All Conference baseball team for fall of 2004 and state champions in the Oklahoma Road Rally. His community service projects include: member of Victory Life Church and Youth Group, volunteer at Victory Life Food Bank, help design and construct haunted house to raise money for holiday meals for underprivileged families, earned donation for Easter Seals during the homerun derby competition, mentored underprivileged youth on hunting trips.

Trevor Bailey



Trevor Wayne Bailey is a 2006 graduate of Cross Creek High School, Augusta, Georgia. He is the son of Paul and Cecilia Bailey. He is the grandson of the late Cecil P. Powell Jr., Mrs. Jeanne G. Powell, and the late S.D. and Lydia Bailey.

Trevor is an Eagle Scout. He was active in JROTC and band.

He plans to attend Georgia Military College then join the U.S. Marine Corps.

Nikki Miller

Nikki Miller is a 2006 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Shannon and James Treat and the late Jeff Miller. She is the granddaughter of Charley and Suzanne Russell, the late Shirley and Bill Miller, Leroy and Carol Treat and the late Wanda Treat.

Nikki was active in band for seven years and was a member of the color guard for four years. She has lived in the local area most of her childhood, and attended the Byng School System from the second to the twelfth grade. Nikki is an active member of Okchamali or Blue Baptist Church in Connerville, Okla. She currently serves as vice president of the Pontotoc District Youth Council and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Executive Youth Council. Due to her heritage and the help of others, Nikki has been able to have several exciting life experiences.

She and her mentor Jeannie Lunsford, traveled to New Mexico to present at the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center conference over their mentoring experiences and activities. Through Students Teaching Aids to Youth (STAY) training, she was able to attend the Unity conference in California where she helped present educational information about contracting the AIDS virus. She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in law enforcement.



Shala Buck

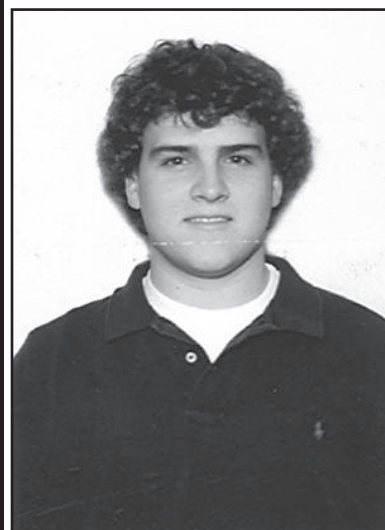
Shala Bree Buck is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Teresa Buck and the granddaughter of Julia Blue and Jimmy Blue.

She was active in the French Club, the Native American Club and the Spanish Club.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to pursue a degree in horticulture/floricultural.



Michael McDermott



Michael Alexander McDermott is a 2006 graduate of O'Neal School of Southern Pines, N.C. He is the son of William M. McDermott and Catherine Z. McDermott. He is the grandson of Barbara Holland McDermott.

Alex was active in Outward Bound, the Appalachian Service Project, a founding member of Union School Sport Club, senior honor roll, co-editor of the yearbook, lacrosse, soccer and tennis.

He plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Charlotte with interest in engineering and business administration.

Devan Seawright



Devan Marie Seawright is a 2006 graduate of Grove High School, Grove, Okla. She is the daughter of Darren Seawright and Dawn Able. She is the granddaughter of Doyle and Pat Seawright and Duane and Connie Davis, all of Grove, Okla.

Devan carried a 3.58 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society for four years. She ranked 22 in a class of 168 students. She has a 29 composite ACT score. She attends advanced placement classes in literature and composition, language and composition, Pre-AP English II and Pre-AP English I. She attends honors classes in anatomy and physiology and math analysis. She has been a member of the Gifted and Talented Program

for 12 years and a member of the marching band for seven years, and jazz band for five years. She was crowned 2005 Band Queen and became a member of the Oklahoma Musical Educators Association All District Honor Band. She received superior ratings at the state level band ensemble contest. She is a member of Grove Church of Christ and Grove General Hospital Student Governing Board and has worked at the Dairy Queen for two years. She volunteers for the Grove Lower Elementary Library and tutors elementary and middle school students.

She has been accepted at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, where she plans to study psychology and hopes to attend graduate school and become a neuro-biological psychologist.

Kasi Darbison

Kasi Jordan Darbison is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Reggy and Sherry Darbison. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Bobbye Darbison and Dena Leader.

Kasi served as an officer in DECA and BPA. She was active in the Native American Club, Ruff Ryders, FCA, Tantettes, cheerleading, Leadership, yearbook, honor roll, is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and voted "Heart Throb" of her senior class.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in elementary education.

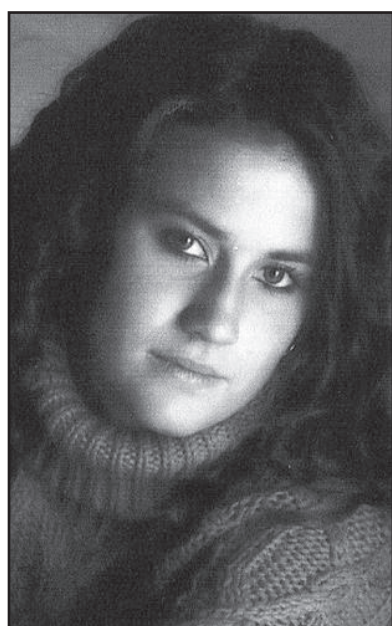


Brittany Gregory

Brittany Gregory is a 2006 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Terry and Sharon Gregory. She is the granddaughter of Billy and Patsy Gregory and Joe and Jerrie Wright.

Brittany was active in the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Governor's Club, cross country, basketball, track, cheerleading, FCCLA, Key Club, FCA, select choir, secretary of student council, and high school musicals.

She plans to attend Sterling College to major in exercise science/athletic training.



Alex Leslie

Alex Wayne Leslie is a 2006 graduate of Eisenhower High School, Yakima, Wash. He is the son of Rodney and Melonie Leslie. He is the grandson of Willie and Sharon Leslie. He is the great-great-grandson of Will and Nannie Wade Leslie.

We are all so proud of him. He is our pride and joy and the oldest grandson of Willie and Sharon Leslie.

Janelle Brokeshoulder



Janelle Louise Brokeshoulder is a 2006 graduate of Marietta High School, Marietta, Okla. She is the daughter of Darrell and Janice Brokeshoulder. She is the granddaughter of Francis Parnacher, McAlester, Okla., the late Eugene Brokeshoulder, JoAnn Ingram, Enville, Okla., and the late Robert Ingram, Sr. She is the great-granddaughter of Thomas Brokeshoulder, Ardmore, Okla., Lena Farve, Enville, the late David Farve, and the late Rena Brokeshoulder. She has a brother, Dustin, and a sister, Mary.

She was active in choir for four years and softball for one year.

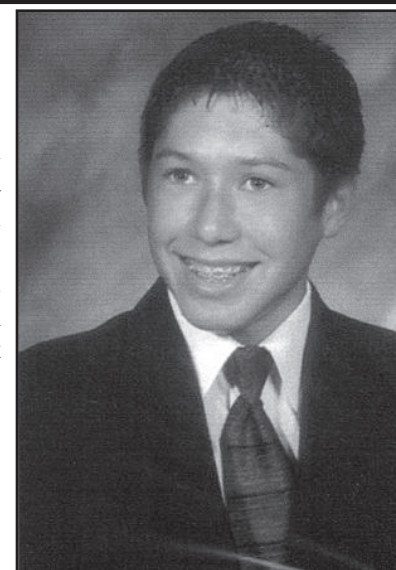
She plans to attend college and someday get married.

Jonah Puller

Jonah Puller is a 2006 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Rebecca Puller and Randy Driskill. He is the grandson of Jim Bolen and Virginia Puller Bolen.

Jonah has been active in Native Voices, vocal music, basketball, Blue Baptist Church youth group and named January Chickasaw Student of the Month. He loves to play sports.

He plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in computer science and criminology.



Amenda Mascote



Amenda C. Mascote is a 2006 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Dianne Catron, Tishomingo, and Alex Mascote, Oklahoma City. She is the granddaughter of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., the late Virgil J. Greenwood, and Margretta and Adrian Mascote, Oklahoma City.

Amenda has been active for two years in student council, the Native American Club and FDCLA. Amenda comes from a traditional Chickasaw family and is very proud of her heritage.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, to become a veterinarian.

Stryder Going

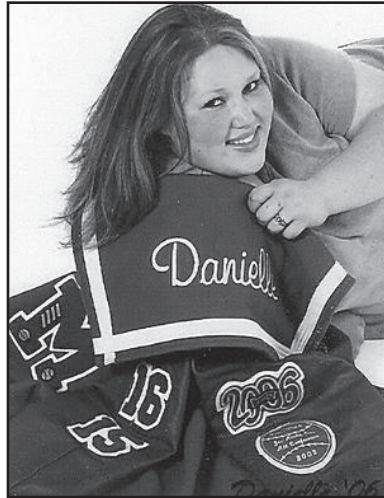
Stryder M. Going is a 2006 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Harold and Pat Going. He is the grandson of Mary E. Watson, Wright City, Okla., and the late Mary and Willie Going and the late Colbert A. Miller.

Stryder was a member of the marching band for one year. He was active in the Native American Club, the Spanish Club, the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council, the Principal's Honor Roll, Governor's Honor Roll and a JOM Student Representative.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in psychology.



Jessica Gross

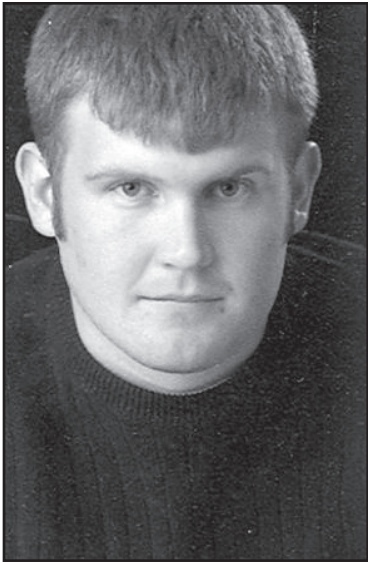


Jessica Danielle Gross is a 2006 graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Michael and Samantha Gross. She is the granddaughter of Welburn T. and Linda K. Gross, Connerville, Okla., and Larry D. and Mary D. Wisdom, Mill Creek.

Jessica has attended the Mill Creek School System for 12 years. She has participated in varsity basketball for four years, softball for three years, earned All Conference two years in softball and All-Star one year in basketball.

She was awarded the Southwestern Scholar scholarship and a valedictorian Residence Hall scholarship at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, where she plans to study pre-pharmacy. She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., this summer.

Benjamin Smith



Benjamin Colbert Smith is a 2006 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Michael Colbert and Kathryn Smith. He is the grandson of the late Colbert and Marjorie Smith. He is the nephew of Justice Barbara Anne Smith. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Martha Mariah Smith.

Benjamin has been a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, the Principal's Honor Roll and was active in Link Crew at Norman High School. He played school basketball.

His plans are to attend Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colo.

Ashley Wright is a 2006 graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God University. She is the daughter of Daryl and Lori Wright. She is the granddaughter of Don Bates, great-granddaughter of Lillian Stowers Martin and a direct descendant of Levi Colbert.

At the age of 19, Ashley will graduate magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in counseling/psychology and an associates degree in psychology. She was in the top 10% of her graduating class and a member of Psi Chi - Psychology Honor Society.

She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Ashley Wright



Cynthia Ojeda

Cynthia E. (Portman) Ojeda is a 2006 graduate of Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the wife of Enrique Ojeda. She is the daughter of Jim and Valeria Portman, Durant, Okla., and Mary Kathryn Porter, Lexington, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Delores Portman and Minerva and Edmond Porter, Jr. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Edmond Porter Sr., an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mrs. Ojeda graduated with a degree in applied science majoring in nursing. She worked in the Tishomingo Chickasaw Health Center as a LPN prior to returning to college for her RN degree. She completed her studies with Phi Theta Kappa Honors. During the nursing

pinning ceremony she was pinned by her husband and was presented with the Thelma M. Biddler award for Murray State College Most Outstanding Nursing Student. Graduation exercises followed the pinning ceremony later in the evening. Many friends and family accompanied Mrs. Ojeda in the celebration and all expressed their pride in her accomplishments as a first generation graduate.

She extends her appreciation to all of the Chickasaw Nation staff and education department, friends and family that supported her during her education. She hopes to represent her people well and be a role model and mentor for those to come.



Cindy Ojeda, RN 2006

Jacqueline Reaser

Jacqueline Deandra (Dandi) Reaser is a 2006 graduate of the University of LaVerne, California. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Jane Liddell Pipins and the great-great-granddaughter of Minnie Keel Liddell.

Dandi is receiving her master's degree in education. She completed her master of education degree in the 2005 fall semester with a 4.0 cumulative GPA. She is graduating summa cum laude. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration and management. She was valedictorian of her high school class in Parker, Ariz., in 1998. She is currently teaching first grade in Fontana, Calif.

Dandi wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation, her family, friends and all her supporters for all their support and encouragement over the past eight years



Erin Stowers

Erin Wynne Stowers is a 2006 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. She is the daughter of Rick and Wynne Stowers, Madill, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Leston Jacks, Madill, the late Johnnie Ruth Jacks, Nowana Sparks, Marietta, Okla., and the late Buddy Stowers.

Erin received a bachelor's of science, funeral services. She is employed as funeral director at Smith & Kernke Funeral Home of Oklahoma City and Edmond.

Elders celebrate Chickasaw culture at Kullihoma Elders' Day



Tim Harjo entertains the crowd with his original flute music during Elders' Day at Kullihoma.

KULLIHOMA - The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department hosted Elders Day on May 5, 2006 at Kullihoma. Seniors gathered to fellowship, share stories about times past and enjoy a traditional meal of chicken, fry bread, pashofa and grape dumplings.

The day began with the posting of colors by the Chickasaw Honor Guard and prayer by Leerene Frazier. Tim Harjo shared stories and entertained the seniors with songs on his

flute.

The Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start students delighted the crowd by sharing Chickasaw words they have learned in their classroom throughout the school year. Students recited their numbers, colors and animals and sang several nursery songs that had been translated into the Chickasaw language.

Pauline Brown and LaDonna Brown both spoke and presented information on language preservation and prehistoric Chickasaw culture. LaDonna Brown's presentation included slides of traditional clothing, foods and tools as well as photos of the Chickasaw homelands in the Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee areas.



Children from the Chickasaw Nation Madill Head Start program visited Elders' Day to demonstrate some of the Chickasaw language they learned in their classroom.



Jeff Frazier and Jackson Puller catch up with each other during a break in the Elders' Day activities. The seniors were able to not only visit with each other, but enjoy guest speakers, a traditional lunch and entertainment throughout the day.

During two "Voice of the Elders" sessions, Jeff Frazier and Farron Culley led the attendees in sharing stories about their childhood, families, traditions and changes through the years.

Stan Smith served as emcee throughout the day and shared a few of his own humorous stories with the crowd.

The next Elders Day is planned for August 25 in Tishomingo. For more information, contact the cultural resources department at (580) 332-8685.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

'National Hospital Week Celebration at Carl Albert'



Ada Vision Bank employees, from left, Wayne Case, LaVonda Jones and Lee Bahner, prepare lunch for Carl Albert Indian Hospital employees in recognition of "National Hospital Week."



Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Employee Dessert Contest judges, from left, Shonda Martin, Bill Brooks, Allen Elliott and Richard Roland.



CAIHF Employee Dessert Contest first place winner Terry Sharp, left, and Christina Hamilton, contest coordinator.



CAIHF Employee Dessert Contest second place winner Melinda Ward.



CAIHF Employee Dessert Contest third place winner Carletta Barnes.

Head Start students graduate to kindergarten

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education proudly hosted graduation ceremonies for Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo in May. More than 120 students received diplomas for advancement into Kindergarten.

"We are very proud of this year's graduates and their accomplishments," stated Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Head Start is such an important program for our children. We believe it can provide the skills and the foundation needed to produce a great educational career."

Chickasaw Nation Head Start

Director Danny Wells says the graduation is a "milestone" for the children and their families.

"This is the first of, I hope, many graduations for these students," he stated.

Throughout the school year, students learned basic skills like the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes as well as lessons unique to the Chickasaw Nation programs like language, music and Chickasaw culture. Many of the classrooms taught not only the Chickasaw language, but Spanish and American Sign Language as well.

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Ada graduates front row from left, Caleb Baken, Markita McCarty, Tyler Weems, Kaley Billey, Nixie Eppler, Luke Wright, Ashton Traylor, Kaitlyn Motes, Zaydah Smith, Savannah Cozad, Key-sla Billey, Lori Pursiville, Shyla Smith. Middle row from left, Jolie Morgan, Taelyn Zah, Montana Durant, Hummingbird Scott, Jordan Willis, Keith Taylor, Ta'Dyn Walker, Jarred Vaughn, Dakota Johnson, Maelyn Canada, Angelique Turnbull, Kaylei Surles. Back row from left, Chad Milne, Zaccheus Lumley, Chase Johnson, Mya Avery, MaKenzie Henderson, Jaron Tiger, Laura Wilson, Hannah Mehlhaff, Brysha Lewis, Alisa Herrod-Wheeler. Back row, Director Danny Wells, Governor Anoatubby and Marvia Johnson.



Ardmore graduates front row from left, Brooklyn Anoatubby, Destiny Brown, Bryce Lunow, Brett Lewis, Jazmin Hayes, Victoria Gravitt, Taylor Vaughn, Anthony Enterline, Michael Bruner, Adam Anderson, Gabrielle Mayes. Second row from left, Jarron Garyham, Jasmine Givens, Jacob Clark, Isaac Pool, Decoda Morriss, Adrian Bond, Juan Avila, AJ McKendrick, Justice Holybee. Third row from left, Dylan Parnacher, TeLeah Douglas, BreAnna Kyle, Erica Agers, Sakeithia Harris, Rodney Doss, Azul Aguilar, Jenesis Lewis, Courtney Taylor, Cheyanne Davis. Back row Director Danny Wells and Governor Anoatubby.



Ardmore graduates Adam Anderson, Jasmine Givens, Jarron Garyham.



Ada graduates Jordan Willis (front), Kaylei Surles and Tayden Walker.



Tishomingo graduates from left, Cheyenne Arkansas, Jaden Converse, Zoe Factor, Ashley Gilbert, Julian Floyd, Shyannia Imotichey, and Dorian Underwood. Back row, Director Danny Wells, (I) and Division of Youth and Family Administrator Jay Keel.



Tishomingo Graduates Julian Floyd, left, and Dorian Underwood.



Sulphur Graduates front row from left, Jaden Dollar, Darin Jones, Joshua Graves, Victoria York, Austin Enox. Middle row, Ezekiel Miller, Presley McClure, Taigen White, Kira Smithers, Camryn Thomason. Third row, MiShayna Rochelle, Aubree Beasley, CeeJay Lewis, Lexis Flinchum, Diego Lopez. Back row Governor Anoatubby and Director Danny Wells.



Sulphur graduates Austin Enox and Camryn Thomason.



Duncan graduates Dazamian Prince, Anthony Conn, Cassidy Mott and Mario Hernandez.



Madill graduates bottom row from left, Director Danny Wells, Daisy Rosas, Ethan Long, Fatima Camacho, Zachary Lee, Jacob Drinkard, Fatima Dueñez, Erick Ibarra, Jacob Richards, Tonya Roberts, center supervisor Delores Campbell. Top row from left, Macen Marris, Josue Segura, Alexa Thompson, Michelle Zelaya-Mendoza, Sebastian Lopez, Yesenia Silva, Dakota Raiburn, Nayely Rangel, Kamryn Weaver, Eric Fixico, Fernando Ramirez.



Duncan graduates front row from left, Christian Araya, Brendan Maddos, Jasmine Murillo, Hayden Smith, Cassidy Mott. Middle row from left, Director Danny Wells, Legislator Wanda Scott, Mario Hernandez, Dazamian Prince, Daniel Marine, Tyler Riggs, Makela McDowell, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel. Back row from left, Anthony Conn, Gavin Boucher, Caitlynn Sullivan, Jerry Baker and Alexander Allen.



Ada graduate Taelyn Zah receives her diploma from Gov. Anoatubby.



Madill Graduate Jacob Tyler Drinkard.

Photos Contributed by Mike McKee, tribal media relations.

Food, fellowship, fun activities keep Sulphur seniors busy



Clarence Imotichey volunteers in the kitchen helping serve lunch to the seniors. Many of the site members volunteer their time helping at the site and with fund raising events.

Every summer, families from across the state pack a picnic lunch and head to Sulphur to spend a day at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Some may take a chilly dip at Little Niagara or spend time at the buffalo lookout while others may visit the nature center or hike up Bromide Hill. Whatever

the activity, the enjoyment of it is spending time with family.

Every weekday, seniors from across the area pack an appetite and head to the Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Senior Site to have lunch and spend a few hours with friends.

Just like the families at the park, the seniors have a variety

of activities to take part in at the senior site. Some enjoy time on the computer emailing family or, most often, playing solitaire and other games. Others work on puzzles or craft projects. Many will volunteer time helping in the kitchen or with fund raising events.

However, the activities may keep them busy, but it's the food and fellowship that keeps them coming. It seems cook Margaret Moore and helper Carolyn Nail have lunch down to a science. One would be hard pressed to find a senior at Sulphur that doesn't brag about the meals.

"The food is delicious," claims long time site member Geneva Bivens. "I come eat almost every day because the food is so good."

That sentiment is echoed across the center by seniors who look forward to the daily "home cooked" meals.

"We come here because we are hungry, and because we love the people," says Joe Howard. He and his wife, Barbara, moved to Sulphur recently and immediately found not only a great place to eat, but a new group of friends.

"Everybody here makes you feel welcome," says Cricket Tillery who has been attending the site with her husband, Sam, for a little less than a year. "We really enjoy it here."

Many of the seniors arrive for lunch early just so they can visit with friends and catch up on the activities each other's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have become their own little family.

And, like most families, they



Sulphur Senior Site members can't seem to get enough of Margaret Moore's cooking. She prepares lunch every weekday for the Sulphur seniors.



Bonnie Danyeur has been attending the Sulphur Senior Site for 16 years. She recently began taking the computer classes at the center and now even uses her computer at home.

get together everyday around the dinner table, offer thanks and share stories about their weekend, trips planned or how the garden is doing.

It doesn't really matter what

the discussion may be, the enjoyment of it is spending time with each other.

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Cricket and Sam Tillery visit the senior site everyday for the "delicious" lunch. Mrs. Tillery will also occasionally play the piano while some of the other site members sing Choctaw hymns.



Lillie Ward enjoys a game of solitaire. She is one of many at the Sulphur Senior Site that utilize the center's computer lab each day.

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"A Chickasaw Tribal Member"

Tribal employees provide GPS training

Staff from the Chickasaw Nation Housing and Tribal Development Division recently met with students from East Central University (ECU) to demonstrate Global Positioning Systems and Geographic Information Systems, better known as GPS and GIS, and their uses within the tribe.

Geography and Statistics Section Head John Ellis and GIS Specialist Dawn Sowinski joined Dr. Mark Micozzi's ECU cartography class at the Initial Point near Davis, Okla., for the demonstration.

The Initial Point, established in 1870, is the point at which the land survey system for Oklahoma began. The point, which sits atop a hill on what is now Weiss Ranch, is still marked by the same rock that was placed there more than 135 years ago. The Initial Point served as a perfect spot to show where surveying began compared to the current, high-tech GPS and GIS systems used today.

Ellis shared information with the students about how the Chickasaw Nation uses the systems in several departments



John Ellis, third from left, and Dawn Sowinski (holding GPS field equipment) stand with Dr. Mark Micozzi, Stan Drannon of Gateway Services Group and the ECU cartography class at Oklahoma's Initial Point in Davis, Okla.

across the tribe to better serve its citizens. Programs currently utilizing the systems are the home ownership program, facilities management, the department of realty, the cultural resources department, the Lighthorse Police Department, the environmental department, the roads department and department of environmental health.

Sowinski demonstrated the GPS equipment and how it is operated when used in the field. Students were then able to com-

pare surveys using the various systems available.

Ellis also stated that the Chickasaw Nation is working on the development of new computer programs that will allow citizens use the web to find locations and maps of the Chickasaw Nation area. The same system will also help the Lighthorse Police officers pinpoint and navigate to any Chickasaw location within the nation's boundaries.

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Correction

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

In an essay that appeared in the May issue of *the Times*, I wrote that by the 1855 Treaty of Washington, the Chickasaws had gained "clear title" to the land that was formerly the Chickasaw District of the Choctaw Nation by paying \$150,000 to the Choctaws.

An alert reader e-mailed me his opinion:

"I could not find anything in the treaty which says we had sole ownership of the Chickasaw District. In fact, there is language to the contrary which declares ownership in common.

"I am concerned that 'clear title' suggests we did not share ownership. Any land sold in either the Choctaw District or the Chickasaw District required both tribes approval. That was the case in 1855 and is the case today.

"My belief is that we gained full authority over the territory known as the Chickasaw District by paying the Choctaw Nation \$150,000 and that the property rights of each tribe were unaffected.

After reading the pertinent sections of the treaty again, I responded to the reader: "I believe your interpretation is correct. I also believe I used the language, 'clear title' because that was Ar-

rell Gibson's interpretation on page 254 of his book, *The Chickasaws*. (Many Chickasaws have accepted his interpretation.). But given the wording of the treaty I should have realized that 'clear title' was incorrect. I think it is more correct to say that for \$150,000, the Chickasaws bought the opportunity to regain their sovereignty."

The alert reader was Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821

(580) 310-6475 phone;

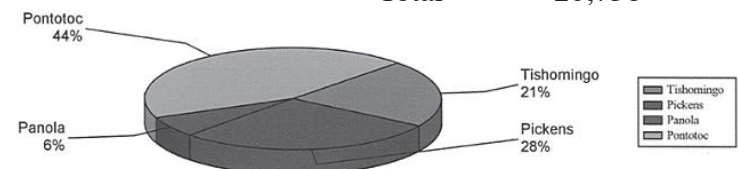
(580) 310-6474 Fax;

Toll Free 1-888-661-0137

Chickasaw.net then click government.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,431	Panola	1,348
Pickens	5,893	Pontotoc	9,086
		Total	20,758



THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2006 SCHEDULE

June 5 – 9 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Election Secretary's Office)

June 13 Challenge to Candidacy filing period ends

June 14 10:00 a.m. Drawing for position on ballot (drawing will be done at the Election Secretary's Office) & candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & cd.

June 16 Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times". Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 17 Voter Registration closes

July 18 After 12 p.m. Candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & diskettes.

July 21 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 16 Last day to appoint watcher.

August 22 2006 Chickasaw Primary Election
Last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Ballot tabulation begin. Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public

August 22 Voter registration re-opens (if no run-off election)

August 25 Recount period ends.

October 2 1:30 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony (Oct. 1 falls on Sun.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL RUN-OFF ELECTION 2006 SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 28 Candidates may pick up print-out, cd/labels

August 28 Ballots mailed to all qualified voters for run-off election district(s)

September 13 Last day to appoint a watcher Run-Off Election

September 19 2006 Chickasaw Tribal Run-Off Election
Last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Ballot tabulation begins. Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public

September 19 Voter registration re-opens

September 22 Recounts period ends.

October 2 1:30 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony (Oct. 1 falls on Sun.)

Stefanie Luna named Carl Albert 'Nurse of the Year'



Chickasaw Nation Health System 2005 Nurse of the Year Stefanie Luna, RN, center, receives her award from Health System Administrator Bill Lance and Director of Patient Services Heather Summers at a ceremony at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. Luna was selected out of 10 finalists that were nominated by their supervisors and peers.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System recently announced its 2005 Nurse of the Year during a special ceremony at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada.

Stefanie Luna, RN, is 2005 Nurse of the Year. Mrs. Luna was selected from among 10 finalists. Mrs. Luna received a plaque and a gift card at the ceremony, which took place in conjunction with the National Hospital Week celebration, May 8 – 12.

Mrs. Luna's nomination read, "She is always there when needed. She is respectful of the patients. They ask for her by name because they know she is there for them and has a kind ear. She will make as many calls

as needed to get the patients the answers they need. She will follow up on patients by calling them and making sure they are doing better."

Mrs. Luna received her bachelor's degree in nursing from East Central University and began working with the Chickasaw Nation Health System in 2000. She was serving as the nurse manager at the Ardmore Clinic when nominated, and has recently relocated to serve as nurse manager at the Ada Women's Clinic.

She and her husband, Paul, live in Sulphur, Okla., with their sons, Kelby, 14, and Hunter, 11.

Other Nurse of the Year final-

ists included:

Ralania Alspaugh, RN – Medical Surgical Unit

Linda Fields, LPN – Purcell Clinic

Tina Finley, RN – Purcell Clinic

Wilma Harden, RN – Wound Care Nurse

Nancy Hobbs, RN, CNM – Obstetrical Unit

Martha Jimboy, LPN – Purcell Clinic

Wanda Lasater, LPN – Family Practice Clinic

Nelda Osborn, RN – Foot Clinic

Carmen Wakole, RN – Medical Surgical Unit

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CNHS active in Diabetes Awareness Day



Chickasaw Nation staff members stand in the Oklahoma State Capitol rotunda during Diabetes Awareness Day 2006. Staff members include, from left, Wade Boyles, Diabetes Program Physical Activity and Lifestyle Specialist; Bobby Saunkeah, Diabetes Program Manager; Betty Baptiste, Ardmore Community Health Representative; Tajuana Walton, Ardmore Community Health Representative; Martha Eck, Diabetes Program Physical Activity and Lifestyle Specialist; and Melissa Vavricka-Conaway, Diabetes Program Dietician.

On April 17, several Chickasaw Nation staff members joined others from across the state for Diabetes Awareness Day 2006 at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Staff members from the Chickasaw Nation Health System Diabetes Program spent time throughout the day visiting senators and state representatives from districts across the Chickasaw Nation. Each elected official received information on not only diabetes prevention, but programs and services that the Chickasaw Nation currently

provides for its citizens.

The group talked with District 42 State Representative Lisa J. Billy, a Chickasaw, who said she was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes five years ago.

"Education is such a factor," State Representative Billy said. "(Chickasaw Nation Legislator) Dr. Judy Goforth Parker talked to me about what I was eating, and now my numbers have improved and I don't need any medication because I control my food."

The staff also attended House and Senate sessions in a show

of support for the reading of a proclamation from Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry designating April 17, 2006 as Diabetes Awareness Day.

According to Diabetes Awareness Day officials, almost 1,000 people were at the capitol to support the effort.

For more information about prevention programs currently offered, contact the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center at 1-800-851-9136, ext. 82260.

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Rabies Clinics

American Indian pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for free vaccinations at one of several rabies clinics planned this spring.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Connerville

Thursday, June 8
Connerville Senior Site
Highway 99
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Madill

Thursday, June 15
Madill Senior Site
101 S. 5th Street
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Achille

Thursday, June 22
Achille School Gym
Highway 91
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Enos

Thursday, June 29
Enos Fire Department
1355 Black Jack Road, Kingston
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256, the Purcell Area Office at (405) 527-6667 or the Tishomingo Area Office at (580) 371-9512.

Breastfeeding Peer counselor Lori Spann believes in breastfeeding benefits



Lori and Jackson Spann

Lori Spann began working as a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor with the Chickasaw Nation WIC program in June 2004. She is also a Certified Breastfeeding

Educator. She is very passionate about her duties as a peer counselor.

"My desire to be a Peer Counselor comes from strongly held convictions regarding the importance of breastfeeding, and from my love of working with women and babies.

"I believe it is a privilege to educate women regarding the importance of breastfeeding, because too often we complicate the simple yet beautiful God-designed art that it is. Besides the obvious benefits (infant health, bonding, convenience), there are

no words to describe the feeling of holding your baby and nursing him.

"Because of my personal experience with breastfeeding my own children, I think it is a great opportunity to encourage women and promote what I believe. I've had a few breastfeeding challenges of my own, and it was very helpful to have the support of not only family and friends, but of a lactation consultant as well. I feel the role of the Peer Counselor's is an important part of the Loving Support team. I am grateful for

the opportunity to assist and support women in their choice to breastfeed."

Mrs. Spann and her husband, Dalton, have three children, Connor 6, Lacy 2, and Jackson five months. They make their home in Ada, Oklahoma.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sul-

phur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The program's goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970

Tribe hosts Breastfeeding Educators Program

ADA, Okla. - Healthcare providers and WIC staff members from across the Midwest traveled to Ada for a three-day Breastfeeding Educators Program hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Health System Food and Nutrition Services.

Eighty-six people attended the nationally recognized course presented by Dr. Debi Bocar. Bocar created the trademarked Breastfeeding Educator Program in 1987 and has presented it more than 70 times throughout the United States, Philippines and Taiwan.

The seminar was conducted to help health care providers as they assist families with making informed decisions about

infant feeding methods, and provide information and support for breastfeeding families. The program objectives include describing the process of normal lactation, discussing strategies to enhance breastfeeding and identifying services and resources for breastfeeding families.

"Our commitment is to promote wellness and disease prevention," tribal Food and Nutrition manager and registered dietician Melanie Todd, said. "We provided this course to teach others the importance of breastfeeding as well as give these educators the confidence and knowledge to support families."

Todd said she was especially

interested in the course since one of the benefits of breastfeeding may be a reduction in diabetes.

Registered nurse Linda Koch of Topeka, Kansas, said she was excited about the course because she wanted to update her knowledge and learn something new. She is already a certified breastfeeding educator seeking to become a lactation consultant.

"I got good support when I breastfed, and I just want to be able to help others," Koch said.

Health care and WIC providers of the Chickasaw Nation learned about the national initiatives to increase breastfeeding, breastfeeding benefits and challenges as well as current legislation regarding breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding is enjoying a surge in popularity after a significant decline in the 1980s partly due to aggressive marketing of formula and mothers returning to non-supportive work environments, according to the Breastfeeding Educator Program.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has included breastfeeding in its "Healthy People 2010" campaign. The goal is for 75 percent of mothers to continue to breastfeed after hospital discharge and for 50 percent to continue for six months.

The U.S. Office of Women's Health lists many benefits of breastfeeding. Breast milk is the most complete form of nutrition for infants. It has exactly the right amount of fat, sugar, water



Breastfeeding participants practicing proper techniques.

and protein for infants, and as a result they tend to be leaner and less prone to gaining unnecessary weight. Studies have consistently shown a reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancers. Also, medical costs are lower for fully breastfed infants since they typically need fewer sick care visits, prescriptions and hospitalizations.

"Human milk for human babies," Bocar said.

She said there were 4,237 different mammals that each produce milk specific to that species, and humans are no different.

There also some mental and physical challenges of breastfeeding. Bocar said women are embarrassed to use their breasts for their natural nurturing function. Physical challenges include soreness, engorgement, plugged ducts and infection.

Breastfeeding initiatives have recently made their way to Oklahoma legislators. In May of

2004, Oklahoma implemented a law stating that a mother may breastfeed her baby in any location the mother is authorized to be in. Also breastfeeding mothers, upon their request, may be exempt from service as jurors.

Participants wrapped up the course with hands-on training of how to demonstrate proper breastfeeding and breast-pumping techniques. After successful completion of a 50 question multiple choice test, participants also received a certificate recognizing them as Certified Breastfeeding Educators.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently provides a team of five breastfeeding counselors for anyone needing breastfeeding supportive services.

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Instructor Debi Bocar demonstrating feeding methods.

'Back to Earth' focuses on injury prevention, natural healing



Herbalist Dr. Eloise Gaye demonstrates uses for different plants.

The Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention and Health Promotion Committee presented a "Back to Earth" workshop.

The one-day workshop included sessions on lead poisoning, fall prevention and natural healing methods.

Chickasaw community health representatives attended the

workshop to better serve their communities.

Chickasaw Nation Environmental Coordinator Mack Peterson kicked off the workshop by giving a presentation about lead poisoning.

"Lead poisoning is one of the most common and preventable pediatric problems today," said

Peterson.

Lead is a naturally occurring metal found throughout the environment as a result of industrialization.

The Chickasaw Nation received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2004 and the planning and development department continued to advance the grant objectives at the workshop. The objectives included outreach projects informing tribal citizens of the dangers associated with elevated lead levels in children.

Peterson warned that the most common high-dose source of lead exposure to pre-school children is lead-based paint. About 74 percent of privately-owned housing units built before 1980 contain lead-based paint. Children are exposed to lead when they ingest chips of lead-based paint and from lead in soil and dust particles.

Some tips to avoid lead poi-

soning are to have your child tested, wash hands, regularly clean floors and window sills, wipe soil from shoes before entering the house and don't try to remove lead based paint yourself.

Continuing with the theme of health, Janice Roberts, director of nursing at Healthcare Innovations Home Health showed a slide on injury prevention and home safety for elders.

"We are trying to help the elderly continue to live independently and safely in their home," Roberts said.

Injury prevention is a matter of life and death because over 10,000 deaths are attributed to falls each year and half are over 75 years old, she said. About 200,000 hip fractures result in death within six months of the injury. Roberts said the deaths after the hip fractures are most likely because elderly people first lose confidence, then lose their ability to function inde-

pendently which later results in death.

Some ways to accident-proof your home include grab bars on walls, tubs, showers and toilets, non-skid mats, rugs and slippers, secure carpeting free of loose strands, walkways free of phone and electrical cords and abundant and accessible lighting.

The workshop wrapped up with herbalist Dr. Eloise Gaye teaching a session on natural healing. She discussed uses for different types of plants including healing, seasoning and fragrance. Dr. Gaye shared with participants that possum berries were once used by the Chickasaws to make grape dumplings.

The committee also raised \$724.50 from auctions. The money will cover emergency needs not covered by other tribal programs for home health participants.

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Kimberlie Chapman is logo contest winner



Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Kimberlie Chapman won the logo contest for the National Native American Employment and Training Conference May 15-19 in Tulsa.

Chapman's artwork was featured on the conference t-shirts and she received a \$200 prize.

The original inspiration for the painting came from watching a

gentleman prepare for grand entry for a performance in March 2005, she said. The painting chosen for the logo is one of four-part series of paintings.

Chapman has been drawing since she was 12 years old. She is currently working on a degree in social work with a minor in art.

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Child care providers feted



Denisia Deramus displays a door prize for a lucky child care provider at the "Hats Off" child care appreciation banquet held May 13.



Child care providers enjoy dinner at the "Hats Off" child care provider appreciation banquet hosted May 13.

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about their culture, language and heritage and to share that knowledge with others."

Men, women and children are encouraged to bring their own turtle for the Loksi races, which will begin 3 p.m. Saturday. There will be races for all ages.

Social dances will begin 8 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. Saturday.

A stomp dance will begin midnight Saturday.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Volunteers are still needed to help with various activities.

For information, or to volunteer call (580) 332-8685.

Rehabilitation specialists study hearing-impaired issues



Chickasaw Nation staff members Tim Harjo, Tina Gilmore and Angela Garcia take part in a brief sign language class as part of the “Deaf Deaf World” interactive breakout session. Participants had to perform everyday tasks such as visiting the bank, scheduling a trip or appearing in traffic court using only nonverbal forms of communication.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Vocational Rehabilitation recently participated in the Oklahoma Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (OAMRC) Fifth Annual Training Conference at the Langston University Oklahoma City campus.

The conference, entitled “Hearing and Understanding a Silent Culture,” focused on working with and for deaf and hearing impaired citizens.

Attendees were able to enjoy speakers Joy Turner, attorney for Oklahoma Disability Law Center, who spoke about

“Ethics Involved in Serving Deaf Consumers,” and Glenna Cooper, Executive Director of Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. of Oklahoma, who presented “What is the Deaf Culture.”

Breakout sessions were also offered throughout the day. They included “Introduction to Service Animals for the Hard of Hearing” presented by the Dog Ears companion dog program; “Deaf Culture from an Interpreter Prospective” presented by Stephanie Green, Executive Director and owner of Sign Language Resources Services, Inc.;

and “Deaf Deaf World,” an interactive presentation conducted by Tulsa Speech and Hearing.

Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program Director Michelle Wilson and Assistant Director Rebecca Beninati helped organize the conference as members of the OAMRC Executive Board.

For more information on the vocational rehabilitation program and services provided, call (580) 436-0553.

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Fictional ‘Bird Flu’ movie should inspire preparation, not panic

Many public health authorities are concerned that the made-for-TV movie titled “Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America” aired Tuesday, May 9 by the ABC television network may cause undue panic.

Authorities stress the fact that the movie is a fictional account of an outbreak of avian influenza and **not** a documentary.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services stresses that the movie “is a work of fiction designed to entertain and not a factual accounting of a real world event.”

It is important to note that there is no widespread outbreak of avian influenza (“flu pandemic”) at this time.

Avian influenza (H5N1 virus) has not appeared in the U.S.

Avian influenza is almost exclusively a disease of birds.

According to the World Health Organization, only 207 confirmed cases of the disease have been reported worldwide since 2003.

Virtually all cases of humans contracting the disease are a result of contact with infected birds.

Arrival of the H5N1 virus in the U.S. would **not** mean the start of a pandemic.

For a pandemic to begin, the H5N1 virus would have to mutate into a form which is easily transmitted from human to human.

Health organizations and governments worldwide are monitoring the virus and preparing for the possibility of a pandemic.

While there is no pandemic at this time, it is important for everyone to prepare for a possible outbreak because some community businesses and services could be disrupted or closed.

Below are some suggestions from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which will help individuals prepare for a flu pandemic or other emergency which might interrupt normal business activities.

More information is available at www.pandemicflu.gov.

Pandemic Flu Planning Checklist for Individuals and Families

1. To plan for a pandemic:

- Store a supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important for you to have extra supplies.

- Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.

- Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.

- Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.

2. To limit the spread of

germs and prevent infection:

- Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.

- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.

- Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if sick.

3. Items to have on hand for an extended stay at home:

Examples of food and non-perishables: Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups, protein or fruit bars, dry cereal or granola, peanut butter or nuts, dried fruit, crackers, canned juices, bottled water, canned or jarred baby food and formula, pet food

Examples of medical, health and emergency supplies: Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment, soap and water, or alcohol-based hand wash, medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, thermometer, anti-diarrheal medication, vitamins, fluids with electrolytes, cleansing agent/soap, flashlight, batteries, portable radio, manual can opener, garbage bags, tissues, toilet paper, disposable diapers.

Child car seat safety



Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Pam Aguilar educates Tamara Upchurch on the safety of her new car seat. The CHR’s educated 27 parents and distributed 22 brand-new car seats at the child passenger safety check on May 19 at The Chickasaw Nation Headquarters.

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Upward Bound students volunteer at Child Abuse Prevention Fair

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students volunteered for the Child Abuse Prevention Fair on April 1 and had a fishing booth where children could fish for prizes. Upward Bound students also assisted with the air-filled slide. Students participating were Nick Lambert, Heather Pugh, Kathryn Robertson, Shantel Taylor, Heather Turner, Hillary Wiliford, Jessica Willis, Heather Baker, Stephanie Benner, Christi Coughenour, Amber Gaede, Jenifer Pedigo, Ashley Talbott, Chelsie Courtne, Danielle Smith, Jessica Fels and Kodie Whitbeck. Also volunteering were staff Rici Love, Tracey Vasquez, Rebecca Easterling, and Susan Webb.

Murray State College conducted its annual Senior Day on April 13 for area high school seniors. The Chickasaw Foun-

dation Upward Bound Bridge students took advantage of this opportunity to enroll early for the summer and participate in some fun activities including the annual Mud Bash. Students attending were Ambher Wil-

liams, Nick Lambert, Crystal Schwartz, Edward Wise, Kasondra Yates, Andrew Williams, Felix Martinez, Annester Wilson, Shane Wooley, Jeremy Webb and Melissa Samis.

The monthly meeting for the



Seniors at Murray State College Senior Day, from left, Kasondra Yates, Nick Lambert, Andrew Williams, Edward Wise and Amber Williams.

Chickasaw Nation Announces Additional Scholarship Available

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the availability of this year's Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship, established by the Wiley Post Commission and the Chickasaw Nation.

The Wiley Post Commission and the Chickasaw Nation wish to preserve and honor the memory of Mrs. Pearl Carter Scott through this scholarship. Mrs. Scott was a famed Chickasaw aviatrix, who was a pioneer in her work in aviation and to her work with the Chickasaw Nation. She displayed the cour-

age, strength of character and indomitable spirit that was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

One scholarship for \$1,250 will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw student pursuing a course of study in aviation (such as aviation maintenance technology, flight training, aviation law, air traffic control, aeronautical engineering, aerospace mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering with an aviation emphasis, airline and airport operations, airport management, meteorology, aviation

technology management or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees) at a college, university or recognized private aviation school. To continue to receive annual scholarship awards, students must demonstrate appropriate progress toward a degree in an aviation program.

Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation, (580) 421-9030, for a copy of the scholarship application or visit our website at www.chickasawfoundation.org. The deadline for submission is July 28, 2006.

Chickasaw Foundation receives Zoo FUNd Grant

The Chickasaw Foundation was the recipient of the Spring 2005 ZOO FUNd for Kids grant award. The Oklahoma Zoological Society (OZS) presents grants to schools and non-profit organizations to meet the cost of education activities and classes at the Oklahoma City zoo or the traveling science classroom, the Zoomobile, complete with learning animals, "biofacts" and a teacher who visits the schools. The Zoomobile visited the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters recently at Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program was at the Laser Zone Family Fun Center on April 22. The following students enjoyed bowling, laser tag, mini golf and the arcade: Sirena Adams, Britni Carrigo, Justin Costley, Chelsie Courtney, Jessica Fels, Jacob Standridge, Kodie Whitbeck, Heather Baker, Stephanie Benner, Taylor Britt, Whitney Condit, Amber Gaede, Lee Griffith, Jenifer Pedigo, Kara Price, Jessica Suttles, Ashley Talbott, Kayla Bertwell, Justin Dillard, Isaac Gregg, Nick Lambert, Angela Moore, Alex Moore, Jerry Rojas, Shantel Taylor and Heather Turner. Staff included Rici Love, Rebecca Easterling, Tracie Vasquez and Susan Webb.

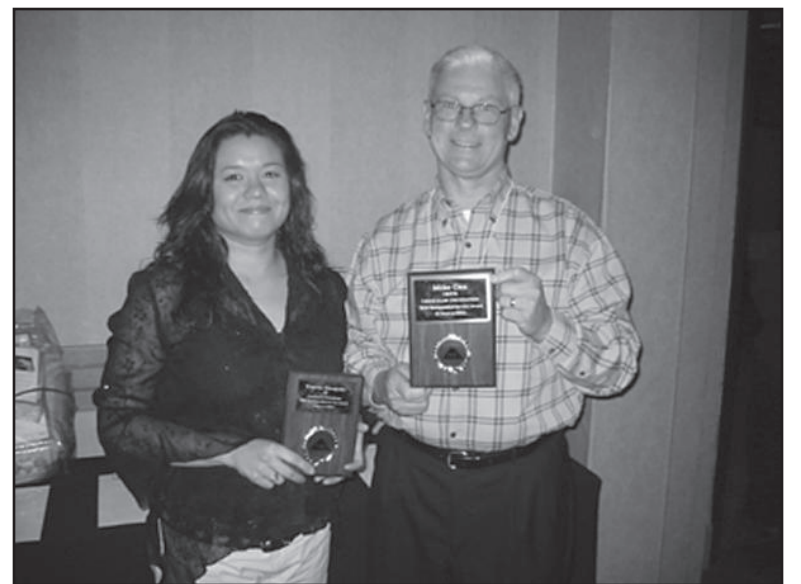
The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff attended the annual Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA) Programs Conference on April 12-14 in Okla-

homa City. The conference theme was "TRIO=Opportunity in Education -The Tradition Continues..." Mr. Mike Cox, director of Trio programs for the Chickasaw Foundation, received a 10-year service award. Ms. Tracey Vasquez, academic advisor, received a 5-year service award. Ms. Elaine Benson, coordinator for Educational Talent Search, and Ms. Susan Webb, academic advisor, both completed the fourth session of the ODSA Emerging Leaders Institute Level II and received an engraved desk clock and certificate. Additional Staff attending were: Miguel Correa and Kacie Burk.

Special Guest speakers included Dr. Paul G. Risser, Chancellor, Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; Jay Paul Gumm, Oklahoma Senator; Tom Cole, Oklahoma Representative for District 4; and Angelica Vialpando, Council for Opportunity in Education.



Elaine Benson, left, and Susan Webb with their certificates from ODSA Emerging Leaders Institute Level II.



Tracey Vasquez, left, and Mike Cox with awards from ODSA Emerging Leaders Institute Level II.

'Its About Money'

Establishing monthly budget, following a plan pays dividends



By ROSS HILL
CEO
Bank2

It is no mystery that many Americans are spending more and saving less. In fact many people are spending more each month than they actually make. Unfortunately, we have become a society that craves instant gratification. If we are not careful we can find ourselves in real financial trouble in a hurry.

As a banker my goal is to help the people I serve obtain financial success. A few basic tips can help ensure personal financial health and success.

1. Establish a simple monthly budget that includes paying yourself first. Once you have

determined your regular living expenses set aside some money for yourself in some form of a savings account. You will be surprised just how fast a little bit adds up, especially if you are earning interest as a part of your savings plan.

2. Ask yourself, "Do I want it or need it?" The point is not to deny yourself of something you want. The point is to be honest with yourself and make sure you aren't denying yourself of something else that you really need by purchasing something you want.

3. Establish a wish list of things you want to purchase someday when the time is right. Avoid impulse buying. Walk away and give yourself a day before purchasing something that is not on your wish list.

4. Use the buddy system. Determine an impulse purchase amount you will not exceed without first getting the okay from a good friend or family member. It is a simple technique but bouncing an idea for a purchase off someone else is a great way to make better financial decisions.

5. Finally, pay cash when you

can and use credit cards with care. Credit cards are designed for convenience. Many people feel safer carrying a debit or credit card instead of a wallet full of cash. It is nearly impossible to make some purchases without the use of a credit card. The key is to not over extend your budget by loading up huge credit card debt. It may be fun for now, but the road to bankruptcy brings unnecessary stress and hardship into your life in a hurry.

These are just a few tips that I have observed from my customers over the years. I hope you will find them helpful as you seek to secure a sound financial future.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to

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Chikashsha Reunion June 22-25 Kullihoma

Demonstrations include: storytelling, bow making, ball-stick making, beadwork, language, flute making, finger weaving, basket weaving, and various other crafts.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south. For information call (580) 332-8685.

Chickasaw Foundation's 5th Annual Cultural Evening

Please remember to join us on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at Kullihoma for our 5th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We

will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation's 4th Annual Scholarship Reception

Please join us for the 4th annual scholarship reception Tuesday, July, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the Pontotoc Technology Center,

Seminar Room C. The reception is held to honor our scholarship donors and recipients for this year.

Chickasaw Foundation Administrative Assistant



Amber Bunyard

We would like to welcome Ms. Amber Bunyard to the Chickasaw Foundation as the new administrative assistant.

Directory initiated for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

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Why Chickasaw warriors were fierce and most feared

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Through most of the 18th century, the Chickasaw warriors were reputedly the fiercest, bravest and most feared among the numerous Southeastern tribes. Several testimonials to this effect were included by editor Samuel C. Williams in James Adair's book *History of American Indians*:

--Frenchman and Natchez chronicler Le Page Du Pratz: The Chickasaws are "very warlike and fierce."

--Methodist founder John Wesley: "...the most indefatigable and most valiant of all Indians."

--French explorer Jean-Bernard Bossu: "...more terrible [than the Choctaws] on account of their intrepidity...and unparalleled courage."

--Carolina official Samuel Eveleigh: "...on the main they are the bravest Indians..."

--American historian Horatio B. Cushman: "The ancient Chickasaws have justly [sic] been regarded as the bravest and most skillful warriors among the American Indians."

--President Theodore Roosevelt: "The smallest of the Southern nations, but they were also the bravest and most warlike."

And finally Adair himself, who probably knew the Chickasaws best, wrote that the warriors were as "brave as ever trod the earth and faithful under the greatest dangers even to the death."

Roots of Fierceness

Such tributes and scores of others, given without explanation or elaboration suggest to some readers that the Chickasaws were genetically superior as warriors. It may seem to be a plausible notion, given that this relatively small tribe not only survived (when other tribes did not) but prevailed over its enemies.

Certainly, there is no direct evidence to support such an idea. But there is evidence in both the archaeological and colonial records that refutes the idea while suggesting other factors that were responsible for the Chickasaw's attributes

and image.

During the prehistoric period when the mound builder's highly centralized chiefdoms were disintegrating and the Indians were regrouping as tribes, these transition groups that were moving to establish new homes sometimes combined to create larger, more viable communities.

In the 18th century, almost constant warfare and disease gradually but drastically reduced the number of Chickasaws, particularly the warriors. So they were continuously obliged to capture and/or adopt other Indians to be able to defend themselves against the attacks of the much larger Choctaw tribe, and the unrelenting raids by other French allied tribes to the north.

Given this long history of assimilation, it seems clear that being Chickasaw was never only a matter of blood. So if genes weren't the primary reason for the warriors' stellar reputation, what made the Chickasaws so fierce and feared?

In a word: guns.

Flintlocks and ammunition became essential after the English started supplying them to the tribe in the latter part of the 17th century. But it wasn't just that the Chickasaws had firepower. It was what they did with that firepower that I believe transformed them into a tribe to be feared.

The English expected the Chickasaws to use the guns to more efficiently capture those Indians, who would be the slave laborers on English-owned sugarcane plantations in the Caribbean. Capturing and enslaving members of other tribes in small numbers was nothing new to the Chickasaws and other Southeastern Indians. But in the hands of Chickasaw warriors the booming "Brown Bess" muskets transformed their traditional surprise raids and sneak attacks and amplified the practice to a different magnitude in more ways than one.

The muskets produced explosions of noise and smoke and a killing power that the enemies of the Chickasaws found alien and horrific. The .67 caliber lead ball, about the size of a man's thumb, could at 75 yards snap

bones like dry twigs. Instead of killing one or two Indians usually for revenge and corralling a handful of captives, Chickasaw warriors were using their guns to kill and capture on a wholesale basis.

The first volley or two of musket fire could kill or disable so many people that the battle was essentially decided at that point. The rest was mopping up. In the earliest years of the 18th century, smaller tribes located in the Yazoo Basin told French colonial officers that they had been assailed by the Chickasaws. French officer Du Pratz wrote that the Chickasaws were raiding throughout the lower Mississippi Valley. Such attacks and their reporting and retelling created a reign of terror throughout the region.

This was good for Carolina's business and its competition against France's colony of Louisiana for dominance of the lower Mississippi Valley. There was no way the English colony could control the region without the support of either the Chickasaws or the Choctaws. Carolina wanted both tribes as allies, but concentrated on the former for any or all of three reasons.

First, it is possible that the Chickasaws already enjoyed a stellar reputation as warriors. Stories of how they had vanquished Hernando De Soto and his so-called conquistadors in 1541 were still being recounted. Chickasaw elders told Thomas Nairne about the battle in 1708. The battle, however, doesn't illustrate fierceness and bravery as much as it shows superior planning, an ethos of not endangering lives needlessly, and Spanish arrogance (that they would not be attacked). Be that as it may, there is nothing substantive about the Chickasaws, period, in English colonial documents prior to 1700.

Second, it is probably true that before 1700 the Chickasaws lived in areas that were more consolidated and at least seemingly more unified than the much more numerous Choctaws. Finally, the location of the Chickasaw villages was more strategic to Carolina interests in controlling Mississippi river traffic. The Chickasaws

would be essential to disrupting French communication and traffic between France's colonies of Louisiana and New France, in the northeast.

Guns and Mystique

In the early 18th century, the majority of Chickasaws were happy to have what amounted to an exclusive trading agreement with Carolina--as the supplier of the weaponry. Guns enabled the warriors to capture more slaves. But more importantly, the firepower gave the Chickasaws early on a huge advantage over their relatively gun-less enemies, even the Choctaws who were three to five times more numerous.

Even after the French started to arm the Choctaws, however, some of the Chickasaw warriors may have had a mystique of invincibility. In 1734, Diron D'Artaguet led a large force of Choctaws (perhaps a thousand) on an unauthorized (by Louisiana higher-ups) expedition against an unnamed Chickasaw village. Prior to the attack the Chickasaw warriors began to sing. This apparently so unnerved the Choctaws, according to the French, that despite the Choctaws' numerical superiority, they were unable to take the village and were forced to retreat.

Whether they had a mystique or not, Chickasaw historian and artist Joshua Hinson says that ferocity was a characteristic of the times which was heightened within the tribe by the unrelenting need "to fight for the security of our homelands against all invaders."

Later, British-supplied firepower continued to provide the means for Chickasaws to hang on against enemy tribes that by

1750 almost encircled them. Although guns were necessary, determination to survive and "to preserve honor in an eye for an eye culture also were essential," Hinson says. Moreover, the heart of the warriors and their devotion to the tribe's heritage and future, while impossible to measure, were no less real.

From the 1720s through the 1750s, there were times when it seemed the tribe was on the verge of disruption. This is reflected in the tribe's correspondence to Carolina officials. (You can read these letters reproduced in Volume 3 of the Mississippi Provincial Archives, French Dominion.) Seeing the handwriting on the wall for the Chickasaws, the English again (the first time was about 1722) invited the tribe to relocate closer to Carolina in 1738 and periodically afterward.

As Chickasaw historian Glenda Galvan notes, this was a time of desperation for other reasons as well: the incursions of Europeans had resulted in numerous adaptations in lifestyle and an increased number of women marrying outside the tribe. But she says the stresses and strains brought about a remarkable resilience and desire to remain intact no matter what.

Speaking for the warriors, primarily chiefs Mingo Ouma and Paya Mattaha, clearly stated that they would remain in their homeland. They believed they had no other choice to survive as a tribe. That realization fortified their determination to fight to the last Chickasaw. So the warriors continued battling, striking fear in the hearts and minds of their enemies, against overwhelming odds.



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Chickasaws earn scholarships on Student Appreciation Night



Ken Heupel, left, and Youth and Family Services Administrator Jay Keel, right, present John Darter with the Day of Champions award for outstanding achievement.

On April 25, students and parents from across the Chickasaw Nation gathered at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur for the 2006 Annual Student Appreciation Night Banquet.

The evening's activities included dinner, the Lord's Prayer signed by the Chickasaw Princesses and the awards program, emceed by Jennifer Walker of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

Special guest Ken Heupel of the Day of Champions Foundation was on hand to present an outstanding achievement award to John Darter, of Velma-Alma. John won the award for his achievements during the sum-

mer football camp hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Division in conjunction with Day of Champions. He was presented an autographed poster and playing card and \$500 with his award.

The Division of Youth and Family Services also announced scholarship recipients and outstanding Chickasaw student awards. Each student was awarded a \$250 scholarship to assist in his or her continued education.

Panola District scholarship winners were: Tonnie Harrison from Durant, Brooke Lauren Pugh from Achille and Amber Lea Miller from Hugo.



Governor's, Lt. Governor's and Legislators' Scholarship winners included, front row from left, Talina Tidmore, Cherrie Warden, Jessica Kinsey, Crystal Valdez, Sasha Rubio, Sara Norton, Kelly Chatfield, Whitney Wilkerson, Ashley Williams. Back row from left, Brett Knight, Brock May, C.J. Stewart, Tonnie Harrison, Kayla Meeks, Brett Brookshire and Shiloh Butts.

Pickens District scholarship winners were: Matthew Paul Cox from Duncan, Chelsea Lizanne Aldridge from Plainview, and Sara Christine Norton from Velma-Alma.

Pontotoc District scholarship winners were: Stephanie J. Wilburn from Latta, Shannon V. Goforth from Edmond Memorial and Joy Barrick from Ada.

Tishomingo District scholarship winners were: C.J. Stewart from Roff, Savannah Wiliford from Tishomingo and Ashley Dawn Williams from Sulphur.

Individual awards were given to the top male and female in grades 10, 11 and 12 for Chickasaw Student of the Year, Musician of the Year, Athlete of the Year and Artist of the Year. The winners are as follows:

Grade 10, Chickasaw Student of the Year: Jeffrey Wells from Stratford and Caroline Colbert from Ardmore.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: Cameron Mann from Tupelo and Lacie Lawson from Latta.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Tia Wines from Calera.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Cameron Gregory from Sulphur.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Student of the Year: Jared L. Wingo from

Sulphur and Tamra Shackleford from Purcell.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: Lyndon Lewis from Dickson and Tamra Shackleford from Purcell.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Jared L. Wingo from Sulphur.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Joe Herell from Dickson and Destiny Newberry from Ada.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Student of the Year: Brett Knight from Davis and Stephanie J. Wilburn from Latta.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Athlete of the Year: C.J. Stewart from Roff and Kayla D. Meeks, Home School.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Brittany Gregory from Sulphur.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Matt Farmer from Ada and Ashlie Stick from Ada.

The Division of Education Services announced the winners of the Governor's Scholarship, the Lt. Governor's Scholarship and the Legislators' Scholarship.

Winners of the Governor's Scholarship for \$500 included: Danielle Brand from Alex, Brett Brooksher from New Lima, Shiloh Butts from Sulphur, Kelly Chatfield from Byng,

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Grade 10 Youth and Family Services student winners included, from left, Cameron Gregory, Caroline Colbert, Cameron Mann and Lacie Lawson.



Grade 12 Youth and Family Services student winners included, from left, Matt Farmer, Brittany Gregory, Ashlie Stick, C.J. Stewart, Brett Knight and Kayla Meeks.

Division on Aging volunteers recognized during reception



500 + hours volunteers

The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging honored its volunteers at a reception on May 12 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur. The volunteers were treated to a finger food buffet and a keynote speech by Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

The seniors were presented awards for hours of volunteer service at their senior sites.

Those seniors receiving awards for 1 – 49 hours of service were: from Achille - Joe Beshirs, Olene Beshirs, Tina Fields, Missy Jones, Joyce Nichols and Bernice Sweeney; from Ada - Mary Ahtone, Pauline Alexander, Bertha Allen, Henry Allen, Hazel Battice, Doy Battles, Linda Branum, Pauline Brown, Shirley Clayton, Mary Cole, Artie Cooper, Jo Dees, Elnora Fullerton, Bill Goforth, J.L. Green, Bernita Horton, Gene Jefferson, Rose Jefferson, Dale Johnson, Doris Jordan, Bencie Lillard, Anita Lyon, Ruby McKinney, Claude Miller, JoAnn Miller, Pat Monroe, Nadine Owens, Bob Perry, Faye Perry, Lou Perry, Bill Quincy, Almeta J. Ray, Margie Reed, Leona Seckinger, Bea Tekubie, Jeannie Thomason, Ann Thompson, Leon Thompson, Vera Tims, Bill Timothy, Bobbie Warner, Pauline Walker, Merl Welch and Pearl Welch; from Ardmore - Gloria Baptiste, Lonzo Baptiste, Bobby Bowden, Betty Burris, Doug Burris, Roy Cooper, Jim Farve, Mae Farve,

Shirley Hays, Audrey Herrell, Don Herrell, Dorothy Holt, James Johnson, Doug Kale, Wesley Kirby, Celia Martin, Letha Marris, Charles Richards, Bill Simmons, Bessie Swan, Charles Tate, Elsie Taylor, Mary Taylor, Charlsie Wall, Jimmy Wilkerson, Anna Williams, Bob Williams and Romona Williams; from Connerville - Vinola Brown, Dawatha Easterling, Faye McCurtain, Juanita Moody, J.C. Poe, Norma Prince, Lillie Wisdom, Velma Seeley and Bernie Seeley; from Kullihoma - Robert Perry; from Madill - Pauline Adkins, Wanda Ashley, Billie Bennett, Johnny Brown, Onita Carnes, Pat Cly, Wanda Columbus, Yvonne Harper, Susan Jim, Mary Keigley, Joanne Parker, Dorietta Shipley, Derron Stowers, Joesephine Taylor and Betty Woods; from Pauls Valley - Linda Ashley, Billie Beams, Juanita Beams, Caroline Claxton, Melvin Crabtree, Bob Foraker, Joyce Foraker, Novaline Fox, Irene Gibson, Geneva Gilstrap, Mike Johns, Cecil Henderson, Doris Henderson, Elwanda Loyd, Don Martin, Suzanne Martin, Ron McCurly, Elwanda Meely, Lincoln Meely, Gilbert Morris, Myrna Morris, Leona Nalley, Robert Nalley, Robert Nichols, Johnnie Plummer, Patsy Riley, Pauline Rodke, Janet Smith, Lana Smith, Norma Smith, Donnell Somers, Geraldine Sweetman and Steve Wade; from Purcell - Bob Barnett, Earnest Guess, Gayle Mitchell,



300 - 499 hours volunteers

Perry Norvell, Phyllis Pritchett, Everett Shackleford, Alvera Walker, Joe Wilson and Marcia Wilson; from Sulphur - Kenneth Binderim, Geneva Bivens, Charles Franks, Gladys Freeman, Ollie Lowrance, Wilms Nelson, Joan Norton, Fannie Parker; and from Tishomingo - Delores Alexander, Edna Baken, Janice Fairchild, Pauline Green, William Green, Waukera Hanlin, Cecelia Hicks, Barbara Hook, Janis Imotichey, Ruby James, Elouise Johnson, Mary Lou Nickell, Bobby Payne and Johnnie Sherwood.

Those seniors receiving awards for 50 - 99 hours of service were: from Achille - O.C. Beshirs, Mary Cox, Flora Mead and Harold Mead; from Ada - Irene Allen, Carolyn Bench, Clark Cogburn, Norma J. Coplin, Pat Cox, Margaret Downing, Ruthie Ellis, Nell Goforth, Mearle Gregory, Bob Horton, Larry Montgomery and Carol Stout; from Ardmore - Carl

Brown, Georgina Brown, Pat Chambers, Richard Davis, Betty Griffith, Tia Juana John, Laverne Johnson, Noel Mann, Winnie McNeely, Sallie Palmer, Roy Perry, Shirley Perry, Sue Simmons and Wilma Watson; from Connerville - Marcella Cravatt, Jane Ferris and Welborn Gross; from Kullihoma - Levi Edwards, Faye Perry, Richard Russell and Jack Smith; from Madill - Winnie Bennett, Anna Mae Burns, John Gardner, Oscar Goodman, Kenneth Lewis, Frank Potts, Charles Sisson, Rossie Sisson, Guy Eva Stowers, Bill Tuggle, Shirley Tuggle and William Woods; from Pauls Valley - Carol Reed; from Purcell - Helen Barnett, Ethel Brooksher, Larry Brooksher, Leo Cardinal, Thurman Cole, Kenneth Evans, Mary Evans, Bobbie Fox, Jerry Fox, Carl Green, Pat Green, Mary Hayes, Hank Ivester, Ruthelene Ivester, Orin Johnston, Mollie Perry, Joe Roberts, Betty Rowland, Glenn Rowland, Octavia

Shackleford, Corky Somers, LaVerl Somers and JoAnn Wallace; from Sulphur - Bonnie Binderman, Rosalie Imotichey, Flora Kirk, Katherine McGuire, Jerry Ridley, Jay Waldroup and Margie Waldroup; and from Tishomingo - Sam Alexander, Marie Beck, Georgine Hotema, Jerry Imotichey, John Puller, Shirley Tims, Eileen Underwood and Jerry Underwood.

Those seniors receiving awards for 100 – 299 hours of service were: from Achille - Barbara Beshirs, Wanda Connelly and L.D. Love; from Ada - Carole Davis, Mary Jo Green, Mildred Green, June Greenwood, Geneva Gregory, Alma Lillard, Margaret Melville, Sammie Montgomery, Buck Owens, Ginger Paulk, Sophie Perry, Alice Phillips, Beulah Shavney, Morgan Wells and Phercella Wells; from Ardmore - Hawaii Davidson, Joyce Davis, Bob Jacks, Jessie Kale, Thelma Kirby, Nadine Lewis, Jenny Roberts, Joe Roberts, Ben Willis and Loretta Willis; from Connerville - Billie Easterling, Judy Fisher, Catherine Pendergraft, Jim Reed, Catherine Wood and Lillian Underwood; from Kullihoma - Velma Frazier, Flora Perry, Dean Starns, Bessie Smith, Wanda Russell and Pearl Williams; from Madill - Wilma Foster, Eula Gipson, Ed Haden, Ruby Haden, Marcia Jones, Leona Lesley, Sue Richards, Cleo Sandefur, Kenny Shipley and Wilson Parker; from Pauls

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100 - 299 hours volunteers

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50 - 99 hours volunteers

Valley - Lou Carlton, Betty Crabtree, Lawatha Gilley, Agnes Ned and Carnell Peachlyn; from Purcell - Ruby Adkins, Adda Cole, Shirley Duncan, Jean Earles, Wanda Farrow, Lenora Hobbs, John Norvell, Helen Parnacher, Betty Robinson and Mark Wallace; from Sulphur - Etna Cooke, Bonnie Danyeur, Melva Dillard, Clarence Imotichey, LaJuanta Nelson and Lillie Ward; and from Tishomingo - Mary Alexander, Hanna Corsello, Rick Corsello, Susie Keel, Hiawatha Reed and Lottie Routzong.

Those seniors receiving awards for 300 - 499 hours of service were: from Ada - Bernice Patrick and Merle Stick; from Connerville - Lou Norman; from Madill - Loyd Ross; from Purcell - Ruby Cardinal and Floyd Parnacher; from Sulphur - Edina Williams; and from Tishomingo - Sadie Hearrell.

Those seniors receiving awards for 500+ hours of service were: from Ada - Virginia Bowers and Henry Patrick; from Madill - Jessie Sandefur and Ella Ross; from Pauls Valley - Magdeline Montgomery; and from Purcell - Lee Crossley.

Caring Hearts Awards were also presented to those who serve nursing homes and home-bound seniors. They were: from Achille - L.D. Love; from Ardmore - Joyce Davis and Virginia Miers; from Connerville - Dawatha Easterling, Judy Fisher, Lou Norman and Catherine Pendergraft; from Madill - Pauline Adkins, Winnie Bennett, Wanda Columbus,

Wilma Foster, Eula Gibson, Sue Richards, Ella Ross, Rosie Sisson and Josephine Taylor; from Pauls Valley - Juanita Boney, Lawatha Gilley, Lincoln Meely, Agnes Ned and Carnell Peachlyn; from Purcell - Ruby

Adkins, Lee Crossley, Wanda Farrow and Lenora Hobbs; and from Sulphur - Bonnie Danyeur and Katherine McGuire.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

I wanted to thank the voters of District 42 for sending Lisa Billy to the House of Representatives.

As a mother and someone who has worked hard to improve the quality of life for herself and her family, she has distinguished herself as a leading advocate for children's issues.

This session Rep. Billy is the author of House Bill 3039, which would help rural families reach

their goal of owning a home by working with employers to offer down payment assistance.

Rep. Billy is someone who consistently stands in support of traditional family values. It is a privilege to work beside Rep. Billy in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the voters of District 42 are fortunate to have representing them a woman of her integrity.

State Rep. Lance Cargill
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1 - 49 hours volunteers

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Do you recognize the man in this picture? This 19x13 oval picture was found behind the

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Families asked to share historic Chickasaw papers

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

Lately, I've been reading tribal records of the 1840s and 1850s, preparing to write an article for the July issue of *the Times* on the history of the development of the tribe's 1856 Constitution. The document's ratification 150 years ago will be commemorated by the tribe in Tishomingo August 30.

The information in these microfilmed records and in books and articles covering this period, lays out the basic story. But these sources provide little of the kind of detail desired by those who cherish the tribe's history.

After reading and note-taking, big gaps in information are obvious and even some basic questions are not addressed by the material at hand. For example, Americans know that James Madison was one of the primary drafters of the U.S. Constitution. Which Chickasaws were primarily responsible for drafting the tribal constitution? Who decided that the tribe should model their own document after the American Constitution, and what were the reasons?

If the answers aren't in the tribal records, can we safely assume that the information has been destroyed, accidentally or on purpose? No doubt some of it has. Some information, such as who drafted most of the constitution, may not have been in the records in the first place. It might be found in meeting notes or letters of eyewitnesses or people who spoke to these observers.

At this point of frustration, I recalled a lesson learned in 1997 when I was visiting the Indian Archives department at the Oklahoma Historical Society. I was there with a list of questions that I thought I could answer by examining the original Chickasaw Nation records that have been stored at OHS since 1934.

One line of questions concerned the establishment of the Chickasaw Great Seal. It was mentioned for the first time in the 1856 Constitution, but there was no detail. I thought there probably was once, or still may be, written records describing the first seal and background information on how it came to

be. I also recall searching in vain for records of discussions by Chickasaw representatives about the sale of the tribal park lands near Sulphur to the federal government in 1902.

I sought an explanation from Bill Welge who has worked in or presided over Indian Archives since 1977. After he was hired, he conducted an exhaustive study of the Indian records to trace them back to their sources. In the case of the Chickasaw records, he found only a small fraction remains of what did exist around the turn of the 20th century.

Prior to then, they were stored in the basement of the Nation's Capitol Building in Tishomingo. They were then transferred to Muskogee for the use of the Dawes Commission, which was documenting tribal citizenship for land allotments. After the allotment period, they were stored in Muskogee until they were inventoried and shipped to OHS in Oklahoma City. That inventory hasn't changed since, meaning that the large amount of missing records have been missing since before 1928, when the inventory was conducted.

There are two likely causes for the missing records, according to Welge. "Many water-stained records that we have suggest the possibility of flooding in the basement of the Chickasaw Capitol. Some may have been so damaged that they were simply discarded. Other records may have been taken by individuals. We know this happened because occasionally someone will donate original tribal papers that have been in the family for generations. A Texas man donated a copy of the record book of the Chickasaw Supreme Court from 1837 to 1855."

Countless other such documents surely have been passed down through generations of families. Welge said it is likely that some tribal employees took their records with them. "I've never seen a tribal law requiring departing employees to turn over office or department records. Most did so, I suspect, out of tradition. Others may have withheld records from the Dawes Commission purposely—as a gesture of defiance."

Whatever the reason, a substantial amount of tribal records

remains out of the public's view. I think it's likely that some are stashed away in boxes in attics and basements and other places we don't like to go. Those same boxes may contain family records and correspondence that may in part relate or even be important to Chickasaw history.

So I am asking you as directly as I can to bite the bullet and take a look around. And if you find some material that *may* benefit your tribe, please consider either donating the papers or copies of them. You may contact Kelley Lunsford, director of museums and archives, or you may take or direct them to the Council House Museum in Tishomingo or the Library and Archives in Ada. (See box)

Getting back to the article I'm developing on the 1856 Constitution, I'm hoping to discover heretofore unknown details about the constitutional convention. Here's an example of how it could happen. Someone reading this article could

recall having a letter that was written by an ancestor. Perhaps the writer mentioned attending some "meetings" in Tishomingo in August 1856, adding that Lemuel Colbert and Joel Kemp seemed to do much of the talking.

To some, that sentence might not seem noteworthy. Maybe no one who had recently read the letter realized that the "meetings" were the constitutional convention and that Colbert and Kemp were two of the delegates and signers of the document. If such a letter turned up, we would have evidence for the first time that these two men played leading roles in the drafting of

the Constitution. We could (and should) then try to find additional information on them and their roles.

Now, I just made that up that letter. But the example isn't so far-fetched. First, Chickasaw people do have pertinent letters and documents, and second, they may not realize that what seems insignificant to them could be an answered prayer to someone else. We've got plenty of storage space, a staff with knowledge of the field and the desire to accommodate everyone with an interest in Chickasaw history—from scholars to folks just looking for one missing piece of information.

How to share your papers

Persons interested in donating tribal records, documents, letters, notes or maps of copies thereof, may contact Kelley Lunsford, director of museums, archives and libraries at 580-436-2603, ext. 7328. Or you may take or direct your donation to the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo or the Chickasaw Library in Ada.

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Youth and Family Services scholarship winners included, from left, Tonnie Harrison, Sara Christine Norton, Amber Lea Miller, C.J. Stewart, Brooke Lauren Pugh, Joy Barrick, Ashley Dawn Williams and Chelsea Lizanne Aldridge.

Matthew Cox from Duncan, Pamela Crabtree from Whitesboro, Nicholas Drannon from Vanoss, Krystal Love from Shady Grove Christian Academy, Jesse Farrand from Edmond North, Owen Gilmore from Tahlequah, Randy Grimes from Duncan, Matthew Hanna from Silo, Tonnie Harrison from Durant, Kayla Johnson from Seminole, Jessica Kinsey from Ada, RhaShonda Keehn from Madill, Brett Knight from Davis, Brock May from Choctaw, Kayla Meeks from home school,

Sara Norton from Velma-Alma, Sandra Rubio from Victory Life Academy, John Schoolfield from Locust Grove, C.J. Stewart from Roff, Rachel Taylor from Boyd, Talina Tidmore from Valiant, Cody Tucker from Bridge Creek, Crystal Valdez from Davis, Cherrie Warden from U. S. Grant, Stephaine Wilburn from Latta, Ashley Williams from Sulphur and Kenny Young from Binger-Oney.

Winners of the Lt. Governor's Scholarship for \$400 were: Shannon Goforth from Ed-

mond Memorial, Jason Sweat from Stonewall, Tessa Truett from Roff, Paige Weber from Norman, Mallory Wilmer from Stony Point, Anthony Wilson from Hominy and Sage Woodroof from Tennessee.

Winners of the Legislators' Scholarship for \$350 were: Jessica Lewis from Duncan, Sara Murzynsky from Chisholm and Whitney Wilkerson from Hamlin.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Grade 11 Youth and Family Services student winners included, from left, Tamra Shackelford, Jared Wingo, Lyndon Lewis, Destiny Newberry and Joe Herell.

Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Pikey family descendants, I want to thank Governor Anoatubby for honoring our ancestors with a granite monument at the site of Pikey's Crossing on May 12, 2006. Our family is so very proud.

Being in such a rush to get away from the microphone, I failed to thank the people who helped make the day such a success. Sharon Nelson has worked diligently on this event for weeks. I understand Sheilla Brashier has also worked many hours to make this celebration so perfect. In addition, we extend our thanks to Robyn Elliott and Judy McCelan.

Also, I forgot to mention Kelley Lunsford who gave us such a warm welcome and support in this endeavor the past four years. Ann Fink urged us to continue with our purpose to save Chickasaw history and encouraged us to seek the Nation's assistance. The hardworking staff at the Council House Archives and Genealogy Center helped us dig into files, microfiche and notebooks. In our opinion, Kirk Perry has assembled the greatest employees in the Heritage Preservation Division.

Neal McCaleb was instrumental in coordinating the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Chickasaw Nation in completing the historical marker. Kennedy Brown, Buck Cheadle and the other board

members of the Chickasaw Historical Society gave us direction and encouragement. As master of ceremonies, Pat Woods did an excellent job.

Some family members from out-of-state had never heard the Chickasaw language spoken before. Lee Frazier introduced them to a new and beautiful sound.

The reception at the Heritage Family Baptist Church was a perfect ending for the dedication of Pikey's Crossing. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and highly complimented the event.

Again, we thank the Chickasaw Tribal Legislators who worked to help us. I know that I have forgotten to thank many others and I apologize in advance.

The contributions of these early day Chickasaws made Oklahoma a great state and with your help, they will not be forgotten. Governor, you have our deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Betty S. Smith

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This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 72 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the most reasonable acquisition price and purchase the tract of land described herein. It also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-061. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR23-061 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-062, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Goldsby, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing approximately 5 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the most reasonable acquisition price and purchase the tract of land described herein. It also authorizes the Governor to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. This resolution is presented as "Emergency Legislation" because it regards land needed for parking at the new River Wind Casino scheduled to open the end of June. The current facility does not allow for

adequate parking which could result in the loss of revenue for the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-062. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR23-062 carried.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright stated a report was given to the committee on the tour of the homelands. Plans for its renovation of the Burney Institute are underway. He also announced that Elders Day was set for May 5 at Kullihoma.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Hartman expressed that she was honored to be back in the Legislature to serve the Chickasaw people. She also announced that her granddaughter, a graduate of Marietta High School, was a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Mr. James Humes commented on the Special Election and the Listening Conference follow-up meeting in Oklahoma City. He also urged the Legislature to pass an incorporation act and a business code.

Mr. Mike Watson welcomed Ms. Hartman back to the Legislature. He asked the Legislature to devise a way to help defray the cost to citizens and other Native Americans who use the drug purchase plan. He inquired when the Food Distribution Center will be constructed in the Duncan area. He concluded

his comments by addressing the subject of per capita payments.

Ms. Sue Simmons noted a problem at the Ardmore Site regarding a dishwasher, which had been resolved, and she stated that she felt that employees at the site should be considered

for a raise.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner thanked the Legislature for buying land for a Duncan Site.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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right of-way line of Robert S. Kerr Water Research Laboratory Road N 71'43' E 50.07 feet to a point for a corner; Thence S 3 1'57'15" E a distance of 379.27 feet to a point for a corner; Thence S 58'02'45" W a distance of 233.48 feet to a point for a corner; Thence S 3 1'57'15" E a distance of 40.01 feet to a point for a corner; Thence S 58'02'45" W a distance of 284.15 feet to a point for a corner in the center line of State Highways 3 and 99 (100 feet wide); Thence with said center line of State Highways 3 and 99 N 3 1'57' 1 5" W a distance of 267.42 feet to a point of curvature to a circular curve to the left having a central angle of 7'20'44", a radius of 1369.77 feet, a chord bearing of N 35'37'37" W, and a chord length of 175.49 feet; Thence with the center line of State Highways 3 and 99 Northwest-erly along said circular curve to the left, a distance of 175.60 feet to a point for a corner; Thence N 50'42'01" E a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.020 acres of land, more or less, said acreage including 0.5 12 acres in the right-of way line of State Highways 3 and 99, AND A part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (E12 SE14 NW14) of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said subdivision, thence N 00'35' W along the East line of said subdivision a distance of 454.25 feet; thence N 3 1'57' 15" W a distance of 293.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 3 1 '57' 1 5" W a distance of 279.27 feet; thence N 58'02'45" E a distance of 50.00 feet; thence S 31'57' 15" E a distance of 279.27 feet; thence S 58'02'45" W a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.32 acres, more

or less, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging and warrant title to same, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: B i l l Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-070

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Nolena Lewis

guests were Shaynee Reynen, Skye Reynen, Beverly Reynen, Ronnie McCann, Rhonda McCann, Robyn McCann, Irene Digby, Justin Tiger, Aaron John, Chance Tyson, Wayne Edgar, Preston Edgar, Glen Leming, Beverly Pigeon, Floyd Shipman, Ronald Fondren, Renee Fondren, Carlin Thomyson, Emily Dickerson, Tanya Roberts, Cara Roberts, Dakota Kirk, Flora Kirk, Shelby Kirk, Char-

lie Eddy, Charles Smith, Barbara Hill and Dillan Buckaloo.

The 10-week class taught students more than 250 words and phrases using greetings, command words, action words, body parts, family members, household and personal effects, calendar seasons and times, modifiers, directions, clothes, animals, foods and colors.

Classes throughout the Chickasaw Nation will continue and students will progress from beginning to more advanced classes. Scott Colbert is committed to work in reclaiming the Chickasaw language as part of our heritage and culture.

The tribal government and people, Colbert said, will become stronger with the language. Teaching of the language is important, he said, and must be given a higher level of participation by Chickasaw members and the government.

Resolution in Support of Research Project (Karen Goodnight)

Explanation: This resolution approves and supports Karen Goodnight's project of researching Chickasaw history, culture and traditions by interviewing Chickasaw citizens. Ms. Goodnight's project is being performed as an element of the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Oklahoma.

Requested By: D e a n McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Business Plan,

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business development so tribal government could do things for Chickasaw individuals that they could not individually achieve themselves," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We needed to develop new funding to provide the programs and services Chickasaws desperately needed."

Those essential programs and services included elder care, housing, transportation, education and scholarships, health care and more. The Chickasaw people were being underserved, and their needs, Gov. Anoatubby said, would have to be addressed.

Most governments – like the U.S. government and state governments – raise money for programs and services through taxes. Citizens are assessed income taxes, fuel taxes, use taxes, sales taxes and more to provide their governments with the resources to carry out programs.

But the Chickasaw Nation is unique. It is a government that levies no taxes on its people. Yet it must provide the vital programs and services the Chickasaw people need.

The tribe received limited funding from the federal government, but these funds were not enough to maintain the types of programs and services Chickasaw people needed. Additionally, such total reliance on the federal government for funding had obvious drawbacks. Funding was never guaranteed and could be cut at any time.

Entering the world of business also echoed elements of the Chickasaw Nation's unique and historic past. Operating businesses, and relying on the results of those businesses to support tribal citizens, was consistent with the Chickasaw history of self-determination and self-governance.

"We were determined to advance our theory of government – to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We were moving away from the welfare state and into self-governance. We would have to develop our own resources to operate."

Those first years of tribal business saw their share of the successful, and the not-so-successful. The tribal government operated conservatively, always

estimating income at modest levels and living within its budgets.

"We operate our tribal government without deficit spending," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We have a balanced budget."

With the rise of the tribe's Chickasaw Enterprises and its principal gaming operations, the Chickasaw Nation now is much further down the road of self-determination. Programs and services in all areas have been greatly expanded and enhanced. Chickasaw families, elders, students, single adults, children, and Chickasaws both inside and outside the tribal boundaries have benefited from the array of programs and services.

Challenges remain, even with the successful growth of the tribe's commercial sector. Much of the tribe's income is now produced through gaming enterprises. Those operations have been good, but the threat of a new competitive landscape is on the horizon.

Additionally, history has shown that as tribes become successful in certain areas, outside entities seek to limit the level of success a tribe or tribes can achieve.

For these and other reasons, the Chickasaw Nation is on the path of business diversification. As tribal businesses grow, tribal executives are continually seeking new sectors of commerce. The strategy is to become fully self-sufficient by engaging in enough diverse and profitable business enterprises. Different commercial sectors are subject to various business cycles. The key to diversification is to be in enough good, unique businesses to produce a consistent income stream.

With the business income comes new responsibilities.

"We are investing every day in Chickasaw people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We invest through education scholarships, health care programs, housing initiatives, senior citizen centers, adult education, clothing allowances, general assistance and much more. I see it as our job to work hard to enhance the life of every Chickasaw citizen. That is what every Chickasaw should expect from his or her government."

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires investment of casino gaming income into tribe and its citizens

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) is the governing federal statute regarding Indian gaming.

IGRA spells out the specific purposes for which net gaming revenues produced by gaming tribes must be invested. They are:

- 1) funding tribal government operations
- 2) providing for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its citizens
- 3) promoting tribal economic development
- 4) donating to charitable organizations
- 5) helping fund the operations of local government agencies

IGRA was passed by Congress and signed by the president in 1988. The Act provided for the National Indian Gaming Commission, a three-member board which approves ordinances governing class II gaming. Class II gaming includes bingo, other games similar to bingo, any variant on the game of bingo, and certain nonbanking card games. Most Indian gaming across the country fits into the Class II category.

IGRA is also a unique statute in that it provides for application of state law to a significant degree. The Act requires compacts between states and tribes to govern the scope and conduct of gaming. These state-tribal

compacts have become very common as gaming tribes across the country work to establish their gaming enterprises. Negotiations between states and tribes to establish compacts often involve some sharing of gaming net revenues with state governments.

Of the 563 federally-recognized Indian tribes in the United States, 224 are engaged in gaming enterprises and are subject to the IGRA statute.



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Lillian Sealy



Services for Lillian Sealy, 85, Pontotoc, Okla., were April 11, 2006 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla. Interment followed in the Seeley-Blue Cemetery, Rev. Osborn Roberts officiating.

Mrs. Sealy died April 7, 2006 at Ada. She was born Oct. 8, 1920 at Pontotoc to Jackson and Lula Belle Lewis Levi. She married Milton James Sealy on Dec. 25, 1947.

She lived in the Pontotoc area all of her life. She attended the Pontotoc Schools as a child and was a member of the Pennington Methodist Church. She was an active member in the Methodist Women's Society and the senior citizens activities. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Melvin Sealy; a daughter, Juanita Thomas; a brother, Andruss Hamilton; two sisters, Flora Reed and Nora Beth Greenwood; and four grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, Edison Sealy, Ada; four daughters, Nadine Lewis, Ardmore, Okla., Suzanne Russell and husband Charles, Ada, Shirley McElroy and husband James, Austin, Texas, Frances Kay Solomon, Sulphur, Okla.; a brother, Able Levi, Pontotoc; and 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.

Bearers were Jimmy Lewis, Kenneth Lewis Jr., James McElroy Jr., Billy Russell, David

Lewis and Dustin H. Lewis. Honorary Bearers were James McElroy, Wilson Dale Parker, Marvin Lee Sealy, Jimmy Lewis Jr., Billy James Lee, Robert Russell Lee and Charley Russell.

Lucille Gann Thomas

Funeral services for Lucille Gann Thomas, 93, of Chickasha, Okla., were April 20, 2006 in the Chapel of Sevier Funeral Home with Rev. Rick Forthman officiating.

Mrs. Thomas died April 17, 2006. She was born September 30, 1912, three miles west of Ninnekah, Okla., to Thomas Grover and Dora (Miller) Gann.

She grew up on the farm and in Ninnekah, graduating in 1930. She attended Oklahoma College for Women, graduating with a degree in business in 1934. She was a legal secretary for various law firms including Hatcher and Bond, Clarence McElroy, retiring from Vaughn, Stack, Huckaby and Frailey, May 1, 1981.

She was very proud of her Indian heritage, being one-quarter Chickasaw. She enjoyed many vacations to Arizona to sight see and collect Indian jewelry with members of her family. She loved to read, reading several books per week.

She married George W. Thomas of Ninnekah on June 6, 1981 in Chickasha, Okla. They enjoyed extensive travel, including thirty countries, before a stroke incapacitated her in 1992. She had resided in the Christian Care/Glenhaven Home for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, Reford Gann.

She is survived by her stepson, Dr. Mike Thomas and wife Barbara of Ninnekah; granddaughter, Michele Thomas Flanagan, Lawton, Okla.; grandson, Joseph H. Thomas and wife, Valerie, Gilbert, Ariz.; five

great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Max Thomas and wife Barbara, Ninnekah; and many other relatives and friends.

Interment took place in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Joe Southerland

Joe Lee Southerland, 38, Madill, Okla., died May 7, 2006 at the Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla. Services were May 10, 2006 at Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla., with Carl Taylor officiating. Interment was in Keel Cemetery, Madill.

Mr. Southerland was born June 10, 1967 at Madill to Rocky Southerland and Dana Williford McMillan.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Devin Southerland; grandfathers, Lawrence Williford and Earnest Southerland; and a uncle, Wesley Williford.

He was raised in Madill and later moved to Ardmore where he lived for several years. He moved back to Madill in April of 2006. He enjoyed dancing, listening to music, fishing, bead work and sitting around the campfire.

He is survived by his mother, Dana McMillan, Madill; father and step-mother, Rocky and Janie Southerland, Fox, Okla.; sisters, Hope Armstrong, Fox, Stacey Pettigrew, Lone Grove, Okla.; step-brother, Donald Benson, Fox; grandmothers, Betty Williford, Madill, and Parthena Southerland, Tipton, Okla.; and nieces, Amanda and Samantha Benson, Fox, Amy and D.J. Pettigrew, Lone Grove.

Bearers were Mary Armstrong, Joe Pettigrew, Kenny Wolfe, Robert Taylor, Don Benson and Allan Williford.

Honorary bearers were Lee Armstrong, Shawn Armstrong, Zach Pettigrew and Daryl Cryer.

Imogene Cotton

Imogene Cotton, 78, of Madill, Okla., died May 4, 2006. She was born Feb. 9, 1928 at Sentinel, Okla., to Eastman and Rosalie Neasbitt Burris.

Services were May 8, 2006 at Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill with Rev. Joyce Parker officiating. Interment was in Shay Cemetery, Shay, Okla.

She grew up in Shay and lived her entire life in Marshall Coun-

ty. She enjoyed going to church at the Enos House of Prayer where she was a member.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Terry Burris.

She is survived by her son, Rocky Cotton, Oklahoma City; daughter-in-law, Teri Burris Hayes, Denison, Texas; two grandchildren, Shannon and Brannon Burris; sisters, Juanita Qualls, Madill, Fay Henderson, Alamogordo, N.M.; special niece, Connie K. Armstrong, Madill; 4 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bearers were Jim Robertson, Scott Burris, Carl Burris, Bobby Burris, Michael Todd Grant and Buddy Tyner.

Honorary bearers were Jay Arnold, Lonnie Graves and Tim Qualls.

Richard Hatton

Services for Richard P. Hatton, 66, Ada, Okla., were May 18, 2006 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada with the Rev. Toney Buck officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Hatton died May 14, 2006, at a local hospital. He

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Survivors include two daughters, Lisa Hawkins and Gina Standridge and husband Darrell Jr., all of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren, Amy Hawkins, Marc Hawkins, Dillon Standridge and Cody Standridge; four sisters, Juanita Capps, Darlene Chambers, Freda Johnson, all of Ada, and Oleta Covington, Marlow, Okla.; seven brothers, Leon Hatton, Lovelady, Ray Hatton, Gerald Hatton, both of Ada, J. B. Hatton, Newalla, Okla., Billy Hatton, Owl Creek, Patrick Hatton, McIntosh County, Okla., and Doug Hatton, Seminole, Okla.

Bearers were Gerald Hatton, Doug Hatton, Leon Hatton, Ray Hatton, Bruce Hatton and Bart Hatton.

Honorary bearers were Marc Hawkins, Dillon Standridge and Cody Standridge.

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank all the Friends and Family for all acts of kindness shown to us in the way of prayers, support, plants, cards & food during the loss of our mother, Lillian Sealy. We would like to thank Dr. Sally Berger & the Med. Surg. Nurses and Healthback Home Health Nurses as well. God Bless you all! The Family of Lillian Levi Sealy.

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